



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

# **CONSTITUTION**

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# **CONSTITUTION FOR THE NIGERIAN 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 I: ESTABLISHMENT**

The Nigerian Universities Nursing Students' Association was established in the year 1996 at the University of Ibadan.

## **SECTION 1: NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION**

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

## **SECTION 2: CITATION**

This constitution shall be cited as the constitution of the **NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES NURSING STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (NUNSA) NATIONAL** and expressly repels the former constitution of the association.

### **SECTION 3: LOGO**

Shall be the circle containing stethoscope, flame and book which signifies healthcare, passion and knowledge respectively and the name of the association.

### **SECTION 4: MOTTO**

The motto of the association shall be *“Service with Knowledge and skills”*

### **SECTION 5: SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION**

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

## **ARTICLE II**

### **SECTION 1: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. To promote the pursuit of academic excellence in all ramifications to uplift the 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 Association magazine or Journals.
8. To promote awareness of and involvement in baccalaureate nursing education.
9. To help bridge the gap between clinical practice and the outside factors that influences nursing.
10. To provide education concerning contemporary health problems on campus and in the community

## **SECTION 2: INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.**

- a. Every NUNSITES has the power to quote and to cite the rules and provisions of this constitution.
- b. The president shall have the power to interpret the constitution, as well as any executive officer who is present in the meeting.
- c. The senate president shall have the power to interpret the constitution, as well as any senate member present in the meeting.
- d. Such interpretation can be disputed or rejected by the majority of a well-organized congress.

**For the purpose of this constitution, a well-organized meeting herein means:**

- i. 2/3 majority votes of total attendance in a physical and/or virtual meeting
- ii. Any physical and/or virtual meeting that forms a quorum
- e. In the event of deadlock, the interpretation of the constitution rests with the Executive President of the association.



## **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND OBLIGATIONS**

### **SECTION I: MEMBERSHIP:**

- a. All NUNSA local chapters are expected to register with the sum of ₦35000 to be an official registered member of NUNSA National, this registration gives their members access to full benefits of NUNSA National.
- b. Every student of the department of Nursing Sciences in all Nigeria universities shall automatically on admission become a member.
- c. Every student from a registered chapter must register on the NUNSA Database
- d. 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 2: CHAPTER DUES**

All NUNSA local chapters are expected to pay a renewable dues of a sum of ₦30000 during every administration.

### **SECTION 3: CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP**

The association shall consist of:

- A. **BONAFIDE MEMBERS:** A bonafide member shall be any student of an accredited university studying Nursing science and duly registered with the local chapter.
- B. **LIFE 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 parliament, who may accept or reject such appointment(s).

**C. EX-OFFICIALS MEMBERS:** Ex-official members shall comprise of all past National Presidents and past Senate Presidents of the association.

## **ARTICLE IV: RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES**

### **SECTION 1: BONAFAIDE MEMBERS.**

Bonafide members shall have the right to:

- a. Obtain on first registration, a copy of the association constitution
- b. Participate in recognized meetings and functions of the constitution.
- c. Use the facilities provided and recognized by the association.
- d. Vote and be voted in approved association election.
- e. Attend and fully participate in properly constituted meetings of the association
- f. No student shall be deprived of membership on the ground of gender, Religion, ethnicity and Nationality.

### **SECTION 2: HONORARY MEMBERS:**

Honorary members shall have the privilege to:

- a. Use facilities provided by the association
- b. Such honorary members do not necessarily have to be at every meeting
- c. Such honorary members shall NOT have voting right

### **SECTION 3: EX-OFFICIALS MEMBERS:**

- a. Are expected to be at every executive and general meeting when invited.

- 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 HONORARY 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 2/3 of the 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, and head of department and the provost of the college of health sciences of the national President's institution.

In case of death or marriage of any member, such members shall be entitled to a press release and representation of the Association at the ceremony.

#### **ARTICLE V: PATRON, STAFF AND LEGAL ADVISERS**

##### **SECTION 1: PATRON**

Patrons of the association shall include NANNM Chairman, NMCN registrar, minister of health, minister of education and any other individual approved by the national legislative council (senate).

## **SECTION 2: STAFF ADVISERS**

Staff advisers shall include all H.O.D of the chapters registered under NUNSA, and 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.

## **ARTICLE VI: AFFILIATIONS**

### **SECTION I:**

The association shall recognize affiliations to:

- a. ICN: International Council of Nurses
- b. WACN: West African College of Nursing
- c. NANNM: National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives
- d. UGONSA: University Graduate of Nursing Science Association
- e. NANNM-FHI National Association of Nigerian Nurses & Midwives – Federal Health Institutions
- f. ANNE: Association of Nigerian Nurse Educators

- g. WANSAs: West African Nursing Students Association.
- h. ANNSI: African Novice Nurses Students Initiative
- i. And other organisations that the association deem fit

## **ARTICLE VII: THE CONSTITUTION**

### **SECTION 1: SUPREMACY**

- (a) This Constitution is supreme and the provisions shall have a binding force on all members, bodies and organs (Regional arms and Local Chapters) 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) of the 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) Constituencies shall refer to individual 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 two-third (2/3) of 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 to the congress and comes into full effect.

### **SECTION 4: SUSPENSION**

- (i) A section of this Constitution may be suspended by at least two-third (2/3) 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 VIII: BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **SECTION 1: COMPOSITION**

The board will be consisting of seven members:

- i. The president (current) - Chairman of the board
- ii. The senate president (current) - Secretary of the board
- iii. The vice president - Member
- iv. The deputy senate president - Member
- v. The president of NNEC - Member
- vi. Immediate Ex-president - Member
- vii. Immediate Ex-senate president - Member

### **SECTION 2: TENURE**

The president and senate president would serve on the board for the period of 2 years (2 term), playing an advisory role to the board in their second year while the other members of the board would serve for the period of 1 year (1 term).

### **SECTION 3: ROLES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- i. Make democratic decisions in the interest of the association
- ii. Uphold the fiduciary duty to protect all of the organization's assets and funds in trust.
- iii. Care, Obedience, and loyalty, which means that a trustee must place the organization's interests above their own when making decisions on behalf of the association.
- iv. Create and negotiate partnerships on behalf of the association
- v. Approve projects/sponsorships and partnership on behalf of the association

### **SECTION 4: VOTING PARTERN OF THE BOARD**

- i. Each member of the board has a voting power of 1 on every decision that should be made by the board except the ex-officio whom have none
- ii. The voting can be physical or online depending on the medium of meeting by the board
- iii. A member of the board under suspension cannot vote

### **SECTION 5: DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

A disciplinary committee would be set up within the first month of the administration by the president, senate president and the NUNSA National Executive Council (NNEC) chairman, two people each from the Executive, Senate and NNEC by the leaders mentioned above. The disciplinary committee are to investigate and offer suggestions on disciplinary measures to the NUNSA National Congress, where the NUNSA National Congress vote for or against the disciplinary committee's suggestions. Report of misconduct from the board on any member of the board automatically triggers an investigation by the disciplinary



committee which is made up of two senators, two executives and two members of the NNEC to investigate the situation and report back to the NUNSA National Congress for further consideration.

- i. A two months suspension from office, as a board member and elected position official.
- ii. Depending on the height of misconduct, the second punishment is total removal from the board and this triggers an extensive investigation by the senate if the person retains elected position or impeachment follows.

#### **NOTE**

In a situation where a member of the NUNSA National Congress challenges the decision of the board on a particular decision made by the board, the NUNSA National Congress would be convened and decide on the subject matter through voting, the NUNSA National Congress decision on the said subject matter overrules the board's decision.

The senate must further approve all proposals by the board as it usually do to all proposals, events and partnerships.

Change of trustees shall be done within one month of new administration assuming office.

## **ARTICLE IX: THE EXECUTIVES 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 Director
- viii. Director of socials
- ix. The Public Relations Officer I
- x. The Public Relations Officer II
- xi. Editor in Chief
- xii. Academic Director

### **SECTION 2: TENURE OF OFFICE**

- i. All offices of the Association shall be held for one year, the duration of tenure shouldn't be affected by whatsoever reason except if the NUNSA National Congress decide to move it for certain reasons, in which case the extension/reduction shouldn't exceed one month. Any returning officer shall be eligible for re-election provided he/she meets the requirement.
- ii. Any officer of the Association who wants to resign his/her position must give at least one month written notice.

- 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 XVI Section (1).

### **SECTION 3: ACCOUNTABILITY OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

- i. All officers of the association shall be individually or jointly responsible for any act of commission or omission perpetrated in the performance of their duties.
- ii. All officers shall be financially accountable for expenses incurred on behalf of the association.
- iii. All officers must produce an annual report and account of stewardship to the congress.
- iv. The annual report and account of officer's stewardship shall be presented at the general assembly congress before new administration take over.

### **SECTION 4: 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 as many as required 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 General Assembly
- 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 expires.
- f. See to the day to day running of the Association.

## **FUNCTION/DUTIES OF EXECUTIVES**

### **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. Make 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 meeting.
- g. Take decisions on urgent matters on behalf of the association where an executive meeting cannot be called with 24hours.
- h. Delegate duties to any member of the association as may be considered necessary.
- i. 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 stand in for the president in his absence
- c. Also, direct and carry out such activities that may be delegated to him/her from time to time by the executive council and/or the association.
- d. Shall appoint the central organizing committee (COC) and local planning committee (LOC) for the general assembly and coordinate both committees.
- e. Shall serve as chairman disciplinary committee of the executive council
- f. Shall coordinate the standing committees and report to the president

## **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 stand in for him/her in his/her absence. Take and keep attendance and record of executive meetings and association's congress:
- c. 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

- i. Be responsible for publishing the activities of the associations to the general public in their different Regions.
- ii. Make such public statement/representation on behalf of the associations from time to time as deemed fit by the executive council.
- iii. Be a member of the editorial board
- iv. Must ensure the annual subscription and update of the website
- v. Shall ensure the update of the online pages of the association to promote visibility of the association
- vi. Shall see to the complete distribution of national convention and other seminars/association programs publicity materials in their respective Region.

- vii. 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 signatories to the account of the association
- c. Handover all monies so received to the treasurer within a period of not exceeding 48 hours of working days.
- d. Shall submit his/her 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 programs/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 council 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. Be responsible for all academic activities of the association
- b. Be responsible for the update of the association's website with academic materials.
- c. Together with the executive council 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 X: LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (PARLIAMENT)**

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) Members of the parliament shall be from at least 200L (except for new chapters with only 100L)
- (c) Officers of the senate's hall include: The senate president, deputy senate president, the Clerk of the senate, the chief whip and the sergeant at arm.
- (d) Officers must at least be a 300 Level nursing student.
- (e) 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 be 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 program(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) Shall asses the executives from time to time.
- (j) Shall receive a report of the administration by the executive council before the end of the administration.
- (k) 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.
- vii. 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,
- viii. The decision of the SP may be reversed by at least two third (2/3) majority of the members of the senate present and by voting.
- ix. He can exercise a casting voting right only, if there is a tie.
- x. The office of the SP shall stand vacant:
  - (a). At the dissolution of the senate.
  - (b). If the SP ceases to be a member of the SENATE by reasons other than dissolution of the body. These reasons include willful resignation, absenteeism for 3 sittings, if he is convicted by any law in Nigeria or abroad and if he/she is found wanting in the discharge of his constitutional duties.
- xi. The SP of senate shall be referred to as distinguished senate president.
- xi. He/she shall be the custodian of the authority of the house (MACE).

## **SUB-SECTION 2: THE DEPUTY SENATE PRESIDENT**

- i. He/she must have served for at least a parliamentary year at any parliamentary level.

- ii. He/she shall be responsible for conducting elections within the senate at all sittings except the elections of the officers of the senate.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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/she 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/she 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/she shall assist the SP in maintain law and order
- ii. He/she shall attend to visitors during sittings and carry out instruction or information given by the speaker.
- iii. He/she shall be responsible for security information during sitting
- iv. He/she shall discharge other functions as maybe directed by the senate president.

#### **SUB-SECTION 5: THE SERGEANT AT ARMS**

- i. He/she shall bring the mace to the house at every sitting
- ii. He/she 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 ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) 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 ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of the entire senators present are in harmony.
- iii. If at anytime in the course of the sitting, an objection is taken by any member of the senate that are present in the house, that there are fewer than one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) 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 ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of all members, he shall thereupon adjourn the sitting.

#### **SUB-SECTION 8: PROCEDURE AT SENATE SITTINGS**

- i. These persons shall preside at a sitting of the Senate:
  - (a) The Senate President
  - (b) The Deputy Senate president in the absence of the 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 some time.
- iv. Any member of the senate that comes to a sitting later than sixty (60) 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
- 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 subsection (iii) shall attract a penalty at the discretion of the SP.
- v. The Clerk of the House may be summoned to give a summary of former sitting(s).

- vi. 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.
- ix. The SP shall make preference if two or more members raise their hands at a time.
- x. Once the sitting is in session, movements on the floor of the House shall be prohibited except with due permission of the SP
- xi. 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. 40 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 subsequent meetings for such period may consider expedient.

#### **SUB- SECTION 15 RECESS:**

- (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 interval 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 4i

- (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 XI: NUNSA NATIONAL CONGRESS**

The National NUNSA congress shall comprise of all registered NUNSA chapter presidents, chapter speakers and chapter general secretaries of all university department of nursing science, the national executive council and the national principal officers of the senate.

### **SECTION 1: FUNCTION**

- a. The congress is the highest decision-making body in NUNSA
- b. 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 and the senate.
  - i. The congress chairman and secretary would be elected via an election conducted by NUNSA National senate with the chapter presidents serving as delegates within the first month of a new administration.
  - ii. Only chapter presidents can contest for the position of chairperson and secretary of the congress.

- iii. The congress chairperson must not come from the region of the president or the senate president.
- iv. A region cannot have the congress chairperson twice successively
- c. To protect the image of the students, the institution and that of the profession.
- d. Shall by the agreement of 2/3 majority call for the review of the association constitution and its approval.
- e. Perform reconciliatory roles in matters of disputes that threatens the stability of the association.
- f. The congress is the highest decision-making body in NUNSA
- g. Together with their regional executive council members have a bye-election into any vacant elective office conducted by the NUNSA National Senate.
- i. Shall have the power to pass a 'vote' of no confidence on any officer of the association not performing his/her duties and that officer 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 XII: REGIONAL COORDINATORS AND EXECUTIVES**

### **SECTION 1: REGIONAL COORDINATOR SHALL BE:**

- (a) The president/any active NUNSITE of the NUNSA local chapter hosting the regional convention for the session as approved by the region

- (b) He/she shall be assisted by any other NUNSA local chapter president within the Region who's deem fit by the NUNSA NATIONAL PRESIDENT
- (c) Shall be nominated by the regional executive council through voting to the National Presidents

## **SECTION 2: REGIONAL EXECUTIVES SHALL INCLUDE:**

1. All elected NUNSA local chapter presidents, speakers, secretary generals, national executives, national senators within the Region whom were duly registered at NUNSA National

## **SECTION 3: FUNCTIONS OF THE REGIONAL COORDINATOR**

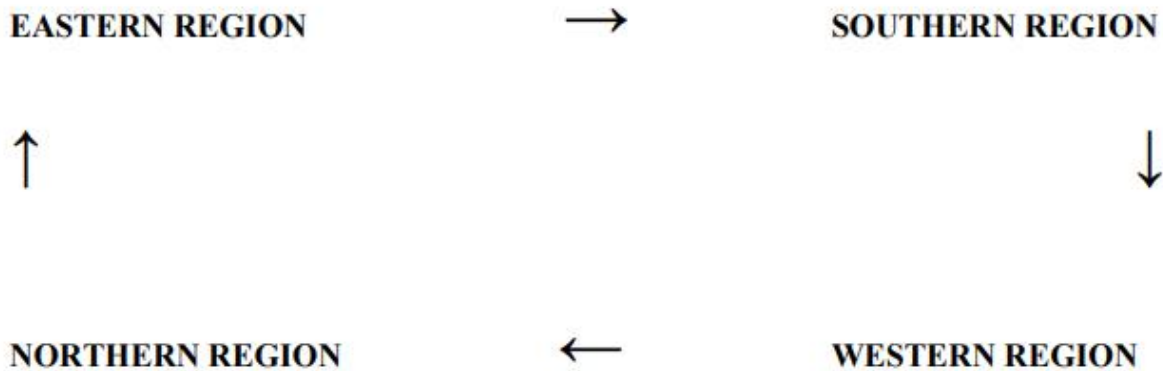
- (a) The Regional coordinator shall be the highest-ranking officer in the Region and is subject to the National Body
- (b) He/she shall coordinate all NUNSA activities within the Region
- (c) He/she shall together with the regional executives organize NUNSA Regional convention
- (d) He/she shall delegate duties to any of the regional executives were necessary
- (e) He/she shall perform any other duty assign to him by the NUNSA NATIONAL PRESIDENT.
- (f) He/she shall organize Region meeting to address some impediments were necessary



## **ARTICLE XIII: ELECTORAL ACTS**

### **SECTION 1: REGIONALISM**

In line with this electoral act, regionalisation 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 positions move in a clockwise direction following the arrows above while the regions stay static. 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 nominated by the chapter presidents. The names of nominated members are to be submitted by chapter presidents to the National General Secretary
- b. The members reserve the right to elect their chairperson and secretary through an election conducted by the senate which will be followed with the inauguration by the National Senate President.
  - i. the IELCOM chairperson must not come from the region of the president, senate president or the congress chairperson.

- c. The IELCOM will see to the sales of election forms, screening of all aspirants, conduct manifestoes before the election and conduct the election.
- d. The National executives will only cease to function immediately after the swearing in of the executives elect on the last day of the general assembly.
- e. The IELCOM shall propose a budget which subject to the ratification of the senate be used for the conduct of the election and thereafter a financial report be presented to the senate before inauguration of the executive council.
- f. The budget in (f) should be sent to the senate through the clerk.
- g. 30% 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 FORELECTION**

- a. ONLY universities and NUNSITES who have paid their national dues evident by the presentation of the tellers/receipts respectively will be eligible to present candidates.
- b. Candidates for the post of president and senate 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. Candidates for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary general must have prior experience in NUNSA (Local chapter or National) evidence by presentation of certificate of service.

- e. Elected officials within NUNSA (local or national) are prohibited to be elected for more than one office (e.g be an executive/senator in national and also be an executive/senator in your local chapter at the same time).
- f. All aspirants before being registered shall be subjected to screening by the electoral committee.
- g. Any candidate previously removed from office by impeachment shall not be eligible for re-election.
- h. Final year students are eligible to contest an election so far as it 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 (electronic or physical).
- c. In an event were paragraph (b) cannot be adopted then a system approved by NUNSA national congress and senate suitable for the moment should be adopted and utilized.
- d. Election shall be done a day or two days of convention and in inauguration a day before departure for successful change of bank signatories.

#### **ARTICLE XIV: MEETINGS**

##### **SECTION1: EXECUTIVE MEETINGS Shall**

- a. Be convened as provided in article IX. Section 4, (a) of the constitution.

- b. As many times as possible, when need be, as agreed in the inaugural executive meeting immediately after swearing-in.
- c. Can be online or physical
- d. All executives are expected to be present for all meetings
- e. Executives are expected to come for all meetings in complete corporate or traditional attire.

## **SECTION 2: CONGRESS**

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

### ***Shall be:***

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

## **SECTION 3: EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE MEETINGS/CONGRESS**

Shall be summoned when deemed necessary by the national president or senate president.

## **ARTICLE XV: NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **SECTION 1: HOST VENUE**

- (a) The general assembly 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 2: THE CENTRAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (COC)**

- (a) The COC chairperson and members shall be appointed and inaugurated by the vice president.
- (b) The COC should be composed of Chairperson, secretary, treasurer and other members.
- (c) The members of the COC shall consist of at least one member per institution.
- (d) The Central Organizing Committee should work in harmony with relevant standing committees.

## **SECTION 3: LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)**

- (a) The LOC chairperson and members shall be appointed and inaugurated by the vice president.
- (b) The LOC should be composed of Chairperson, secretary, and other members.
- (c) The members of the LOC shall consist of the students in the host institution.
- (d) The Local Organizing Committee is a subsidiary of the LOC
- (d) The Local Organizing Committee should work in harmony with the COC.
- (f) The LOC handles general assembly issues within the host institution and report to the COC.

## **ARTICLE XVI: DISCIPLINE/IMPEACHMENT**

### **SECTION 1: ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS**

All elected and appointed officers of the association shall be liable to suspension or impeachment by the NUNSA national senate arm if and when found guilty of the offences here in 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.

***NB: a, b, c and d above are punishable by suspension/fine while e is punishable by immediate relieve of office, in which duration is dependent upon recommendation by the disciplinary committee.***

### **SECTION 2: Chapters**

- A. Issues unresolved for over 8 weeks in the chapter shall be moved to the national for final deliberation and decision by executive and/or senate through a report by any NUNSITES from that chapter.
- B. All registered chapter are financially accountable to NUNSA national senate in the case of any misappropriation of chapter fund.
- C. Membership of NUNSA national is based on financial commitment of the various chapters to the association.
- D. All chapters shall pay national dues within the first four (4) months of the a NUNSA national administration.

- 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.
- G. Any chapter that fails to pay their chapter due at the end of a particular tenure should not be allowed to produce any candidate for any principal office in the senate and executive offices for that year but shall be **ALLOWED TO EXERCISE THEIR VOTING RIGHT.**

## **ARTICLE XVII: NUNSA NATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION 1: COMPOSITION**

NUNSA National consists of seven (7) Standing Committees whose functions are directly supervised by the National Executives. The Standing Committees include:

1. Standing Committee on Public Health and Social Services (SCOPAS)
2. Standing Committee on Environment Health and Climate Action (SCOECA)
3. Standing Committee on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SCORHS)
4. Standing Committee on Student Affairs and Capacity Building (SCOSCB)
5. Standing Committee on Commerce, Finance and Economic Development (SCOCFE)
6. Standing Committee on Research, Nursing Education and Academic Development (SCORNA)
7. Standing Committee on Media, Information and Communication (SCOMIC)



All national standing committees will have a sub-committee in each region (North, South, East and West); forming the Regional Standing Committees.

NUNSA National Standing Committees would be consisting of:

- National Chairperson
- National Secretary
- National Project Manager
- Two members
- All the Regional coordinators and assistants coordinators

The Regional Standing Committees shall comprise of representatives from all NUNSA Chapters in each zone. The Regional Standing Committees will have the following characteristics:

1. They will have the following offices through appointments by the NUNSA National President and approved by the NUNSA National Senate. They include:
  - Coordinator
  - Assistant coordinator
  - Secretary
  - Finance Officer
  - Project Manager
  - Communications Officer
2. The total number of Regional Standing Committees Members will be equal to the number of NUNSA Chapters in each region
3. They will be directly supervised by the NUNSA National Standing Committees

4. Each member of the Regional Committees will be based on recommendations from the Chapter Presidents
5. Each member would serve as a liaison officer of that standing committee to his school
6. They are saddled with the responsibility of executing duties of the National Standing Committees in their respective regions
7. Each of the Regional Committees will be mandated to carry out at least two (2) projects in their regions per administration. The projects should:
  - Have at least one partner or sponsor with relevant organization within the region
  - These projects will be approved by the National Standing Committees
  - The projects will be funded by NUNSA National if they meet the criteria and approved by the Executive Council and the Senate.

## **SECTION 2: FUNCTION**

1. Standing Committee on Public Health and Social Services (SCOPAS) This Standing Committee on Public Health and Social Services will oversee the associational and social standards in promoting health education and awareness among the student community by organizational events, workshops, and campaigns on various health issues, such as disease prevention, mental health awareness and healthy lifestyles. They will advocate for policies and regulations that support public health and social services in the community; including collaborations with other advocacy groups to engage in community development. The Standing Committee is also responsible for program planning and implementation that support public health and social services in the community. This includes organizing health

fairs, blood drives, and awareness campaigns for specific health issues. Overall, the standing committee on public health and social services plays an important role in promoting public health and social welfare among the student community and supporting the wider community through health education and advocacy initiatives. The Regional Standing Committees include:

- Standing Committee on Public Health and Social Services (North Region)
- Standing Committee on Public Health and Social Services (South Region)
- Standing Committee on Public Health and Social Services (East Region)
- Standing Committee on Public Health and Social Services (West Region).

2. Standing Committee on Environment Health and Climate Action (SCOECA)

This Standing Committee is responsible for promoting environmental education and awareness among the student community by organizing events, workshops, and campaigns on various environmental issues, such as climate change, sustainability, and conservation. The committee will also organize and participate in activities aimed at protecting and conserving the environment, such as tree planting, waste reduction, and clean-up campaigns. The committee is responsible for planning and implementing programs and initiatives that support environmental health and climate action in the community. The committee may work with other organizations, businesses, and community groups to collaborate on environmental health and climate action initiatives; which include building partnerships with local government agencies or coordinating with environmental advocacy groups. Overall, the standing committee on environmental health and climate action plays an important role in promoting environmental health and sustainability among the student community and supporting the wider community through

environmental education and advocacy initiatives. The Regional Standing Committees include:

- Standing Committee on Environment Health and Climate Action (North Region)
- Standing Committee on Environment Health and Climate Action (South Region)
- Standing Committee on Environment Health and Climate Action (East Region)
- Standing Committee on Environment Health and Climate Action (West Region).

3. Standing Committee on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SCORHS)

This Standing Committee is responsible for promoting SRHR education and awareness among the student community by organizing events, workshops, and campaigns on various SRHR issues, such as contraception, STI prevention, and sexual consent. The committee may advocate for policies and regulations that support SRHR in the community. This could include lobbying government officials or working with other advocacy groups to influence public policy. The committee is responsible for planning and implementing programs and initiatives that support SRHR in the community. This could include organizing events focused on reproductive health, sexual health, and gender-based violence prevention. The committee may conduct research and evaluation of SRHR programs and initiatives to assess their impact and identify areas for improvement. Overall, the standing committee on sexual and reproductive health rights plays an important role in promoting SRHR education and services among the student community and supporting the wider community through advocacy and awareness initiatives. The Regional Standing Committees include:

- Standing Committee on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (North Region)
  - Standing Committee on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (South Region)
  - Standing Committee on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (East Region)
  - Standing Committee on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (West Region).
4. Standing Committee on Student Affairs and Capacity Building (SCOSCB)
- This Standing Committee is responsible for promoting the development and capacity building of students by organizing events, workshops, and programs on various topics, such as leadership development, communication skills, and team building. The committee may advocate for the interests and rights of students, both within the Association and in the wider community. This could include lobbying for policy changes or working with other organizations to improve the student experience. The committee may monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of student affairs and capacity building programs, to ensure that they are meeting the needs of students and are aligned with the organization's goals. The committee may be responsible for organizing student activities and events, such as cultural events, sports tournaments, and academic competitions. Overall, the standing committee on student affairs and capacity building plays an important role in supporting the development, well-being, and success of students within the organization and in the wider community. The Regional Standing Committees include:
- Standing Committee on Student Affairs and Capacity Building (North Region)

- Standing Committee on Student Affairs and Capacity Building (South Region)
  - Standing Committee on Student Affairs and Capacity Building (East Region)
  - Standing Committee on Student Affairs and Capacity Building (West Region). The National Standing Committees should have their own logos and social media handles. The standing committee would work under the supervision of the executive council with one or more executives supervising a standing committee as appointed by the president according to the common role of the standing committee and constitutional duties of that executive. There would be also collaborations by the standing committees with all executives and even amongst standing committees when need be.
5. Standing Committee on Commerce, Finance and Economic Development (SCOCFE) This Standing Committee is responsible for promoting entrepreneurial education and awareness among the student community by organizing events, workshops, and campaigns on various economic issues, such as financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career development. The committee is responsible for planning and implementing programs and initiatives that support economic development in the community. This could include organizing job fairs, internships, and career development workshops. The committee may be responsible for managing the finances of the student organization, including budgeting and financial reporting. Overall, the standing committee on commerce, finance, and economic development plays an important role in promoting economic growth and development among the student community and supporting the wider community through economic

education and advocacy initiatives. The Regional Standing Committees include:

- Standing Committee on Commerce, Finance and Economic Development (North Region)
  - Standing Committee on Commerce, Finance and Economic Development (South Region)
  - Standing Committee on Commerce, Finance and Economic Development (East Region)
  - Standing Committee on Commerce, Finance and Economic Development (West Region).
6. Standing Committee on Research, Nursing Education and Academic Development (SCORNA) This Standing Committee is responsible for supporting research activities within the association, such as providing access to research resources and funding opportunities, and organizing research-related events and workshops. They are responsible for promoting academic development among students, by organizing academic support programs, such as study groups, tutoring, and mentoring. The committee is also responsible for organizing educational activities for nursing students, such as seminars, conferences, and workshops, to enhance their knowledge and skills. The committee will also engage students in research and academic activities, by encouraging their participation in research projects, organizing student-led research conferences, and facilitating networking opportunities with academic professionals. The committee may monitor and evaluate the quality of nursing education and research activities, and make recommendations for improvement. Overall, the standing committee on research, nursing education, and academic development plays an important role in promoting academic excellence and professional development among nursing students,

as well as supporting research activities within the organization. The Regional Standing Committees include:

- Standing Committee on Research, Nursing Education and Academic Development (North Region)
- Standing Committee on Research, Nursing Education and Academic Development (South Region)
- Standing Committee on Research, Nursing Education and Academic Development (East Region)
- Standing Committee on Research, Nursing Education and Academic Development (West Region).

7. Standing Committee on Media, Information and Communication (SCOMIC)

This Standing Committee is responsible for managing the organization's public image and promoting its brand through various media channels, such as social media, newsletters, and press releases. The committee is responsible for disseminating relevant and timely information to the student community, such as event announcements, news updates, and policy changes. The Committee may cover the organization's events and activities, creating media content that can be shared with the wider community. The committee may build relationships with media outlets, journalists, and other communication professionals, to promote the organization's activities and increase its visibility. The committee may produce media content, such as videos, podcasts, and articles, to promote the organization and its activities, as well as to inform and educate the student community. Overall, the standing committee on media, information, and communication plays an important role in promoting the organization and its activities, as well as keeping the student community informed and engaged. They shall assist the PRO I and PRO II in the discharge of their duties. The Regional Standing Committees include;



- Standing Committee on Media, Information and Communication (North Region)
- Standing Committee on Media, Information and Communication (South Region)
- Standing Committee on Media, Information and Communication (East Region)
- Standing Committee on Media, Information and Communication (West Region).

NOTE:

***ALL STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT TO THE VICE PRESIDENTS AND THE VICE PRESIDENT REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT***

## **ARTICLE XVIII: FINANCE AND BUDGET ALLOCATION**

### **SECTION 1: SHARING PLAN OF THE NATIONAL DUES BETWEEN THE TWO ARMS OF GOVERNMENT (SENATE AND EXECUTIVE)**

#### **a. Allocation of the National Dues:**

The National Dues shall be allocated between the Senate and the Executive arms of the Nigerian Universities Nursing Students' Association (NUNSA) as follows:

- Executive Council: 65%
- Senate: 35%

## **SECTION 2: UTILIZATION OF THE 65% ALLOCATED TO THE EXECUTIVE ARM**

Utilization of the 65% in the Executive Arm:

- a. 60% for National Executive Projects:

The 60% would be allocated to National Projects, cutting across all four regions. Senate mega projects must not be carried out in schools that were picked for the senate mega projects; this is to ensure that all regions benefit from the NUNSA National projects.

- b. 5% for National Executive Allowance

i. President - 20%

ii. Vice President - 15%

iii. Secretary General - 10%

iv. Other Executive members - 65%

The Executive Council has the flexibility to allocate the allowance within a range of 20%, ensuring that the difference in allocation for different officers does not exceed 20% making the above sharing plan subject to adjustment if the difference is more than 20%.

## **SECTION 3: UTILIZATION OF THE 35% ALLOCATED TO THE SENATE ARM**

Utilization of the 35% in the Senate Arm:

- a. 15% for Projects Across Four Regions of NUNSA Nation:
  - i. 10% for Senate Mega Projects Funding (one project each in all the for regions of NUNSA National) proposals are to be submitted and debated by all senators and one project should be picked per region through a vote by the senate.
  - ii. 5% for Senate Activities (for the smooth running of the senate)
- b. 20% for Senate Allowance Allocation:
  - i. Senate President: 15%
  - ii. Deputy Senate President: 10%
  - iii. Other Principal Officers: 5%
  - iv. Other Senators: 70%

The Senate has the flexibility to allocate the allowance within a range of 20%, ensuring that the difference in allocation for different officers does not exceed 20% making the above sharing plan subject to adjustment if the difference is more than 20%.

#### **SECTION 4: INTERNALLY GENERATED REVENUE (REVENUE GENERATED THROUGH NUNSITES ONLY)**

- a. Revenue Sharing Plan:

Internally generated revenue by NUNSA National shall be shared on a 30% / 70% scale between the Executive and Senate projects.

## **SECTION 5:      EXTERNALLY GENERATED REVENUE (OUTSIDE NUNSITES THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS/EVENTS)**

### **a.      Revenue Sharing Plan:**

Externally generated revenue by NUNSA National shall be divided based on the source of the revenue as follows:

- i.      The arm that brought the idea leading to the revenue source shall receive 70%
- ii.     The supporting arm shall receive 30%
- iii.    The arms shall collaborate to ensure the successful implementation of the revenue source. The 70% allocation to the leading arm is to encourage effective collaboration between the Senate and the Executive.

The finance and budget sharing plan are integral to the effective functioning and development of NUNSA National and shall be upheld as part of the NUNSA Constitution.

## **SECTION 6:      PARTNERSHIP AND SPONSORSHIP**

For any event/ program to be organized by any officer of the association, he/she shall provide at least 2 partnerships/sponsorship before the program/event would be approved by NUNSA NATIONAL SENATE.

## **APPENDIX I: OATH OF OFFICE**

I, ..... (name) do solemnly Swear that I will be faithful and true to my duties to this Association; And that as the (position) of the Nigerian Universities Nursing Student's Association, (NUNSA) National, I will discharge my duties to the best of my abilities, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of this Association and the law of our country. And, 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 this Association; 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 confidential matter which shall be brought under my consideration as the (position) of this association, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties; and that I will devote myself to the service of NUNSA NATIONAL

So, help me God.

## PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE 8<sup>th</sup> NUNSA NATIONAL SENATE

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2. SEN. MATTHEW OGHOGHO PRECIOUS  
*Deputy Senate President*
3. SEN. OBOBI UCHE KALU  
*Clerk of the Senate*
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*Chief Whip*
5. SEN UMAR SHEHU  
*Sergeant at Arms*

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