

Constitution of the Nigerian Students Society EMU North Cyprus

## PREAMBLE

# We, the Nigerian Students of Eastern Mediterranean University

Turkish Republic of North Cyprus, hereby firmly and solemnly resolved to provide for a constitution:

RECOGNISING the need to consolidate ourselves into a truly autonomous National, active, progressive and democratic Association in order to assert the rights of students and discharge our responsibilities as informed members of the society;

REALISING the need to support by all means possible the fundamental freedoms of thought and expression, association and movements ACKNOWLEDGING the problems of Nigerian Students and the role we must play in the maintenance of a democratic, open and progressive NSS

COMMITTED to harnessing the enthusiasm of students for dynamic development in the political economic, technological and social spheres

DETERMINED to engage our members in the scheme of social progress aimed at the total mobilization of the Nigerian people towards realizing ideals and to oppose at all times and in all places any form of exploitation, discrimination and oppression amongst the people of the world and to work for the realization of world peace and total disarmament

IN ORDER to form a more perfect Association, establish Justice, insure Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, HEREBY MAKE ENACT AND GIVE to ourselves the following Constitution:

## Article I (Article 1 - Legislative)

#### Section 1 - NSS SENATE

 There shall be a senate for the Association; it will deliberate in a democratic and honest manner issues that will bring credence to the Association and matters that will foster better relationships and unity. The senate shall be inaugurated on the First Friday after elections are held (So therefore Senators-Elect Names shall be submitted by an Incoming Executive Government to be sworn in before they assume office in December). It shall be composed of 20 members all approved by a President-Elect

#### 2. CONVENING AUTHORITY OF THE NSS SENATE

i.The president of the senate shall be the convening authority of the senate meetings

ii. There shall be observers at the Senate meeting

iii.The senate shall meet at least twice a month. Senate may be deemed fIT to set other contingency meetings.

- 3. The NSS Senate Shall be divided into Ideological Parties which would include:
  - i. Conservatives
  - ii. Liberals and
  - iii. Independents

All based on NSS SENATE IDEOLOGICAL FORM filled by a Senator.

Section 2 - Functions of the NSS SENATE FUNCTIONS OF THE SENATE

1.FUNCTIONS;

shall be responsible for passing bills and amendments/commencement of the constitution.

i. It shall approve the proposed budgets of NSS functionaries

ii. The senate shall have the power to SUSPEND, IMPEACH, REMOVE FROM OFFICE any official of NSS found guilty of negligence of duty, embezzlements or any forms of Misappropriation of funds or abuse of office. The accused official shall be free to appeal to the International office.

iii. The senate shall from time to time review and audit the programs of activities and use of funds with the aim of ensuring Transparency in the administration

iv. The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments. When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the NSS is tried, the Appointed Patron of the Society shall preside: And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

2.VOTING Decisions at senate meetings shall be deemed to have been arrived at by a simple majority of senators present at the plenary session and such decision shall be communicated to all autonomous senators after the session.

#### Section 3 - OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

The senate shall be made up of the following officers:-

- i. The President of the senate
- ii. The President pro tempore of the Senate
- iii. The Majority Leader
- iv. The Minority Leader
- v. The Clerk of the Senate
- vi. The deputy clerk of the senate
- vii. The chief whip

## Section 4

## FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICERS IN THE SENATE

- (1) PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
- a) The president shall preside over and direct the proceedings of the senate without fear or favor

b) He shall have no voting rights in the senate meetings except in the event of a tie.

c) He shall on behalf of the Senate ensure that all committees formed submits their reports on or before the stipulated time

## (2) PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE

- a) Shall assist and advice the president of the senate in all duties and perform all other duties as may be assigned or deemed incidental to the office
- b) Shall have the full right and power to act in the absence of the president

(3) THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE shall be the leader of the ideological party (as mentioned in the Article 1 Section 1 Number) with the majority number of Senators and shall help push legislation in regards to their ideas as it affects the society.

(4) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE shall be the leader of the ideological party (as mentioned in the Article 1 Section 1 Number) with the Second Largest majority number of Senators and shall help push legislation in regards to their ideas as it affects the society.

## (5)THE CLERK OF THE SENATE

a)The clerk shall summon meetings of the senate

b)Shall record the proceedings of the senate

c)Shall handle all the correspondence of the senate

d)Shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the president of the senate

## (6) DEPUTY CLERK OF THE SENATE

a)Shall assist the clerk in all duties

b)Shall have the full right and power to act in the absence of the clerk

## (7) CHIEF WHIP

- a) Shall maintain law and order during senate meetings
- b) Shall collect written bills during deliberations and forward them to the clerk

## Section 5 ELECTIONS INTO THE SENATE

All officers shall be elected from within the senate with exception of the Majority and Minority Leaders who are elected from amongst the Senators of Respective Ideological Parties.

## TENURE OF THE SENATE

a) A member of the senate will vacate his /her seat if he/she ceases to be a student of the institution

b) Without any just cause he/she is absent for senate plenary session, for a period amounting to three (3) sittings shall cease to be a senator

c) Convicted of any criminal or disciplinary act

d) At the dissolution of the senate at the end of the Executive tenure.

## RULES GOVERNING THE SENATE

a) All senators are expected to be on time for all sittings

b) Attendance is to be taken before deliberations of the day begins

c) There should be order in all ramifications and absolute decorum is expected, there is a CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATION or An observation or a point to be raised, in such cases, one hand should be raised and you will be called upon to speak by the Senate president.

d) Only one senator has the floor of the house when speaking and all addresses to the house should be done standing

e) A motion when raised must be seconded by another senator, before a counter motion of objection raised and this must also be seconded. If there isn't any to second either the motion or counter motion it loses its validity, in any case where they are both valid a contest through election is immediately called by the Senate president.

f) When voting to decide most matters; members shout "yes" or "no", and the senate president announces the result. If the result of the voice vote is unclear, or if the matter is controversial, a recorded vote usually ensues. The senate uses roll call votes; the clerk calls out the names of the senators, each senator stating "yes" or "no" when his or her name is mentioned. g) A standing ovation is a gesture given to outstanding personalities or circumstances; it comes highly recommended for good works

## Article II (Article 2 - Executive)

Section 1

NSS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

NSS Executive arm shall comprise of the following officers;

- a) The Executive President
- b) The Vice President
- c) The Secretary General
- d) The Assistant Secretary General
- e) The Public Relations Officer (PRO)
- f) The Asst. PRO
- g) The Financial Secretary
- h) The Treasurer
- i) The Director of Socials (DOS)
- j) The Asst. Socials Director
- k) The Director of Sports
- l) The Director of Welfare
- m) The Asst. Director of Welfare
- n) The Director of Education
- o) The Director of IT
- p) The Auditor General
- q) Special Adviser to the President
- r) Liaison Officer
- s) The Director of Ladies Affairs

## Section 2

GENERAL FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

i.Shall be responsible for upholding and defending the constitutional aims and objectives of NSS

ii.Shall appoint ad hoc committees as would necessary other than those set up by the Senate

iii.Shall take care of the NSS's properties

iv.Shall be responsible for the execution of the views and policies of the senate, also the day to day administration of NSS

v.Shall represent NSS views to the school or any authority within and outside TRNC

vi.Shall associate themselves with the decision reached and all shall be collectively responsible for the activities of the Executive council

## Section 3

## VACANCY

I. EXECUTIVES Any office rendered vacant by resignation, graduation, impeachment or Removal from Office. The President shall submit a name to the senate for screening and appointment.

II. SENATE Any officer rendered vacancy by resignation, graduation, impeachment or Removal from Office. The office will be filled through a bye election within the senate.

## Section 4

## QUORUM AND MEETING

i. Quorum at any cabinet meeting shall be the presence of the fourteen (14) members at the sitting

ii. The executives shall meet at least four times in a session and at any other times as deemed fit.

Section 5 ELECTION The Election shall be conducted by the International office of the University Section 6 NSS OFFICE NSS Office shall be occupied by the President.

Section 7

## FUNCTIONS OF EACH EXECUTIVE OFFICE

NSS Executive council members shall carry out their respective duties assigned by the following:-

a) PRESIDENT shall

(i) Be the Chief Executive, representative and spokesman of NSS

(ii)Coordinate and harmonize effectively the activities of NSS and participate when necessary in the activities of other student societies and other international societies

(iii)Through the secretary general summon meetings of the office and executive council

(iv)Preside over all meetings and shall only have a casting vote when there is a tie

(v)Be the overall custodian of NSS properties

(vi)Be a co-signatory to all accounts of NSS

(vii)Have the power to approve or reject vouchers raised by any NSS officials where in the latter case, the voucher is deemed questionable or unnecessary. (viii)Delegate members of the executive council or any NSS official some

functions and he shall ultimately be held responsible and accountable for the discharge of such delegated functions

b) VICE PRESIDENT shall:-

(i)Assist the president in all his/her duties and deputize for him/her in his/her absence

(ii)Coordinate the activities of the local committees of NSS Independence Celebration (iii)Protect and defend students right in the institution(iv)Struggle for workable solutions to the problems of students fees(provisional registrations) with the aid of the president(v)Be vigilant for NSS on the defense of the fundamental Human Rights in the school and TRNC

## c)SECRETARY GENERAL shall:-

(i)Conduct the correspondence of NSS in consultation with the President(ii)Summon meetings at the instance of the president stating the agendas(iii)Keep minutes of all meetings of the office, executive, congress and shall send to the appropriate persons

(iv)Compile with the assistance of other cabinets, an annual report of NSS activities for the approval of the Congress

(v)Shall manage the office

(vi) Serve as a link between the NSS, The Presidency and Officials of other International Societies in the Institution

(vii) Shall be the Chair of Presidential Transition Committees

## d) ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL shall:-

(i) Assist the Secretary general in his/her duties and act for him/her in his/her absence

(ii) Be responsible for the implementation of NSS programs on anti-illiteracy(iii) Hand over minutes of the cabinet meetings to the incoming Secretary

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## e)PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER (PRO) shall:-

(i) Be responsible for publishing NSS activities as determined by its appropriate organs

(ii) Serve as a link between NSS and the public

(iii)Be responsible for the production and internal distribution of the publications of NSS with the assistance of the office

#### f)TREASURER

(i)Be the financial custodian of NSS

(ii)Collect all NSS funds and deposit with NSS Bankers within two(2) days

(iii)Keep the cash book

(iv)Write and sign all cheques of NSS

(v)Keep an impress of \$100

## g)FINANCIAL SECRETARY shall:-

(i)Keep record of all payments made to NSS

(ii)Issue all payment vouchers, such vouchers being counter-signed by the president and treasurer

(iii)Be a co-signatory to all NSS cheques

(iv)Advise the executive council on the control of expenditure

(v)Prepare and present financial reports to the senate audit committee on a monthly basis for auditing

(vi)Prepare and present financial reports to the congress for auditing once in a semester

(vii)All monies/funds collected by the financial secretary shall be transferred to the Treasurer within forty eight(48) hours

## h)DIRECTOR OF SOCIALS shall:-

(i)Be responsible for the social activities of NSS

(ii)Maintain contact between NSS and other national and international bodies involved in social activities

i)DIRECTOR OF SPORTS shall:-

(i)Be responsible for the sporting activities of NSS

(ii)Maintain contact between NSS and other national and international bodies involved in sport activities

## j)DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION shall:-

(i)Be responsible for the educational activities of NSS as determined by its appropriate organs activities like tutorials, tutors selection, seminars, symposia, and public lectures(ii)Be responsible for the book recycle program

## k) DIRECTOR OF WELFARES shall:-

(i)Be responsible for the Welfare activities of NSS like refreshment during congress or NSS programs

(ii)Be responsible for students welfare

## l)SPECIAL DUTIES OFFICER shall:-

(i)Establish and maintain effective relationship with students professional organization's existing amongst members of NSS

(ii)Perform other duties as might be delegated to him/her by the President

## m) DIRECTOR OF IT shall:-

(i)Take control of the NSS Instagram page and Website

(ii)Be responsible for taking photograph and videos during NSS functions and programs

(iii)Shall with the aid of the Public Relations Officer disseminate information

n)AUDITOR shall:-

(i)Be responsible for auditing all accounting book, cash book and financial report on a monthly basis

(ii)Perform other duties as might be delegated to him/her by the President

o). The Director of Ladies Affairs:

(i) Shall Champion the cause of Females in the society

(ii) Monitor and ensure gender equality

(iii) Fight against Discremination and Abuse

(iv) With the Aid of the Director of Education organise Awareness

Campaigns, and Symposiums

p) ALL OTHER ASSISTANT DIRECTORS SHALL ASSIST THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT IN HIS/HER DUTIES or carry out duties as designated by the Director.

## **Article III**

Any amendment of this constitution shall be by 2/3 majority of the Senate if the need arises.

## **Article IV - Amendments**

#### Amendment I (Name)

The Association shall be known as the Nigerian Students Society, herein referred to as "NSS"

#### Amendment II (AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE "NSS")

The aims and objectives of NSS shall be:- a)To preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Eastern Mediterranean University and National Association of Nigerian Students. b)To represent the interest of Nigerian Students in TRNC c)To harmonize and co-operate the activities of Member-unions d)To defend the Interest of Nigerian Students Consistently i.The freedom of thought, religion, expression, action, association and movement and the right to life and means of livelihood of Nigerian students. ii. The legitimate interests of students in the social security, national construction and cultural activities iii.National integration shall be actively encouraged in the Association, while discrimination on grounds of origin, sex, religion, ethnic or linguistic association shall be prohibited. iv. To maintain friendly relationships with all unions of students that are democratically elected and are fully representatives of aspirations of the students of other countries v.To encourage Nigerian students in specialized disciplines and stimulate an academic interchange of ideas at seminars, conferences and symposia vi. To encourage Nigerian students in sporting, social and cultural activities providing adequate platforms on these basis.

#### Amendment III (BASIS OF OPERATION)

NSS members shall enjoy equal rights and privileges to perform their duties, and fulfill their obligations under the constitution by;- i.Observing the resolutions and all decisions regularly adopted by the organs of NSS. ii.Participating effectively in the activities of NSS

## Amendment IV (PATRONS AND LEGAL ADVISERS)

The Legal Adviser must be a Lawyer; the Executive council shall recommend the patron and the legal adviser to the senate for appointment

#### Amendment V (ORGANS OF THE NSS )

The NSS Organs shall be the Nigerian Students of EMU represented by the:

- I. NSS Executive Council headed by the President and
- II. NSS Senate headed by the Senate President

#### **Amendment VI (ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD EXECUTIVE POST)**

a)PRESIDENT

i.Must have a CGPA of at least 2.50 and above

ii.Must satisfy the school electoral laws established by the international

office

iii.Must be fully registered student of EMU

iv.Must be a Nigerian

v.Must not have committed an offence or found guilty by the University 's disciplinary committee

b)Other Executives
i.Must have a CGPA of at least 2.00 and above
ii.Must be fully registered student of EMU
iii.Must be a Nigerian
iv.Must not have committed an offence or found guilty by the University 's disciplinary committee

## **Amendment VII (FUNCTION OF THE NSS OFFICE)**

i.To carry out the decisions of and realize the programs of activities adopted by the appropriate organs of NSS

ii. To harmonize the activities of NSS

## Amendment VIII (SENATE COMMITTEES)

i. The senate shall establish committees (standing ad hoc), it shall appoint senators to such committees

ii. There shall be the following committees:-

Committee on Education: Education director shall be answerable to them

Committee on Audit:-Auditor shall be answerable to them

Committee on Socials: Social director shall be answerable to them

Committee on Sports: Sport director shall be answerable to them

Committee on Publicity: Public Relations Officer shall be answerable to them Committee on Welfare: Welfare director shall be answerable to them Committee on Intel, Information and Security: The whole Executive Cabinet shall be answerable to them

iii.Members of each standing committee shall be three (3) in number

## Amendment IX (INTERPRETATION)

The officer presiding shall have powers to interpret matters on which the constitution is silent. Such interpretation shall be recorded in the minute's books and shall be published for the information of NSS. Such interpretations shall become effective till it is either amended or annulled by 2/3 majority of the Senate.

#### Amendment X (FINANCE)

NSS shall raise funds as follows:-

(i)Through the NSS Agency

(ii)Use of NSS logo in any program that will not be done within the jurisdictions of the School

(iii)Through NSS Parties

(iv) Through Special Initiatives invoked by the President Of the NSS through the Department of Welfare.

## Amendment XI (OATH OF OFFICE)

(a)Each member of the Executive council and Senate before assuming office take an oath)

(b)The oath shall be administered on the president by the Legal adviser; the president will in turn administer it on the other members of the Executive Council and Senators.

(c) The oath of Office for the President shall be as follows:

" I \_\_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the Nigerian Students Society EMU, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the NSS. So help me God" (d) The oath of Office for every other official position in the NSS shall be as follows:

" I..... Do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to NSS, that as

...... I will discharge my duties to the best of my knowledge, ability faithfully and in accordance with the constitution of NSS that I will preserve, protect, and defend the constitution. So help me God.

#### Amendment XII (CODE OF CONDUCT)

CODE OF CONDUCT (a)An official of NSS shall;- (i)Not put himself/herself in a person where his/her personal interest conflicts with his/her duties and representatives (ii)Not be a member or, belong to, or take part in activities of any society or organization whose membership is incompatible with the functions or duties of his/her office (iii)Not ask for or accept any property or benefits of any kind for himself or any other person on account of anything done; or omitted to be done by him/her in the discharge of his duties (iv)Not do, or direct to be done in abuse of his office, any arbitrary act prejudicial to the rights of any other person knowing that such act is unlawful or contrary to the provisions of this constitution (v)Conduct himself/herself inside and outside Cyprus in such a way as to enhance the dignity of the Nation shall avoid any action that might bring dishonor or discredit to NSS (b)An official means a person holding a specified office, a specified office means any office set out as follows; (i)Members of the Executive council (ii)Members of the Senate

#### Amendment XIII (STANDING ORDER)

(1) STANDING ORDER (i)VOTING (a)Determination of any proposal other than those which procedures are specifically provided for in the constitution, shall be by a simple majority vote of members present (b)Voting shall be by secret ballot except otherwise agreed by the international office (c)During voting, each member shall be entitled to one vote (ii)DEBATES AND AMENDMENTS During discussions of the proposition or amendments, the following motions are in order and can be accepted in the following order of procedures and precedence (a)Motion withdrawing a motion (b)Motion to recess (c)Suspension of the standing orders or a clause of the constitution by 2/3 of those present and voting (d)Motion to close debate (e)Motion that the question be now put aside (f)Motion of limit or extend time of debate (g)Motion to refer to committee (h)Motion to postpone consideration of a motion to a definite time (i)Motion to adjourn (j)A point of order must be heard at all times except during the act of voting (k)If information is desired, a person holding the floor may decide whether or not he wished to be interrupted at that time (l)Members should address the Senate officers and the house while speaking and should refrain from using foul or obscene language , making interruptions or doing anything that may likely disturb proceedings

#### **Amendment XIV (ELECTION RULES)**

(a)Any presidential aspirants found lobbying with the aid of money or material items (proves) should be disqualified

(b)All campaign posters should not exceed A3 size paper. All posters must be signed by the appropriate school authorities and only placed in where the schools permits

(c)No use of campaign Banners for election

(d)No use of vulgar words or abusive words during campaign

#### Amendment XV (LOGO USAGE)

Any activity that requires THE NSS logo, the individual or group must follow due procedures through the NSS Director of Socials, who shall in turn submit to the Senate for approval, and if approval is given 10% of the income generated will be given to the Society. Failure to do so, the society has the full rights to sue the individual or group for using the Logo without due process.

#### **Amendment XVI (TENURE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

1: The terms of the President and Vice President shall end at noon on the 5th day of December, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin. (Due to the uncertainty of Election dates between Late October-November by the International Office of the School, theWinner of the election before the stipulated term date is regarded as President-Elect until the date, in the case where the start date of the term begins and the Nigerian Night is scheduled to hold and hasn't held yet, the new President is regarded as President Designate otherwise if the Nigerian Night event holds before The Term begin date, the Winner of the election is referred to as President-Elect until the

stipulated day, an Elected President is referred to as President-Elect if the organized Handover Ceremony hasn't held, in a case where the Handover dinner holds before the Annual Nigerian Night the Elected President is referred to as President-Designate (Incoming President) already in partial powers alongside the sitting President or better known as a lame-duck president until the events have been held. so as applies to the Vice President)

2. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than six months of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once.

3. All other official executive offices including the Vice Presidency would not have any term limitations on them

#### **Amendment XVI (RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER BODIES)**

(a)NSS shall strive to maintain at all times friendly relationships with all other student societies (b)NSS shall cooperate with other Nigerian students societies from GAU, LEU, CIU, YDU provided such cooperation shall not in any way be contrary to NSS and EMU policy as stated in the constitution regarding students' rights, academic freedom, fundamental human rights, world peace and peaceful co-existence

## Amendment XVII (PRESIDENTIAL VACANCY, INABILITY AND DISABILITY)

1: In case of the removal of the President from office or of his graduation or resignation, the Vice President shall become President.

2: Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of the Senate.

3: Whenever the President transmits to the Secretary-General and Senate President his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

4: Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as the Senate may by law provide, transmit to the Senate President their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties

of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

Thereafter, when the President transmits to the Senate President his written declaration that no inability exists, he shall resume the powers and duties of his office unless the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive department or of such other body as the Senate may by law provide, transmit within four days to the Senate President their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. Thereupon the Senate shall decide the issue, assembling within forty-eight hours for that purpose if not in session. If the Senate, within twenty-one days after receipt of the latter written declaration, or, if Senate is not in session, within twenty-one days after the Senate is required to assemble, determines by two-thirds vote of the Senate Chamber that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall continue to discharge the same as Acting President; otherwise, the President shall resume the powers and duties of his office.

#### Amendment XVIII (SENATE SHUTDOWN)

The President of the NSS Shall have the power to suspend the Senate for a period of 15 days once in every 200 days for reasons known to him so long as it fosters unity and progress within the association (this shall be invoked under the NSS Senate Shutdown Act), he shall do this by transmitting a letter to the Senate President asking him to suspend all Senate duties. In this period executive orders with the support of Executive adhocs can be passed.

## Amendment XIX (PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION ACT)

The NSS Presidential Succession act would serve as a statute in establishing a presidential line of succession in the case of graduation or removal from office of a president. The line would be as follows to Select a presidential successor as far as it does not breach Amendment XVII:

- 1. Vice President of the NSS
- 2. Senate President of the NSS
- 3. Secretary-General of the NSS
- 4. The Director of Education
- 5. Treasurer of the NSS
- 6. Special Duties Officer
- 7. The Director of Socials
- 8. The PRO
- 9. The Auditor-General
- 10. The Director of Welfare
- 11. Assistant Secretary-General
- 12. Assistant Socials Director

- 13. The Director of IT
- 14. Assistant PRO
- 15. The Financial Secretary
- 16. Assistant Director Welfare
- 17. Liaison Officer
- 18. Director of Ladies Affairs
- 19. Special Adviser to the President

#### **Amendment XX (PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION ACT)**

On the 5th day of November of the stipulated year of a term, The President of the NSS Shall set up a mandatory Presidential Transition Team as to foster a continuity of leadership and progress in the Society, the scopes of such process shall be as follows:

- 1. The President of the NSS shall set up the Presidential Transition Adhoc Team to prepare coming administrations for the task ahead
- 2. The President shall appoint and swear-in the Secretary-General as the Chairman of the Adhoc Transition team, with his/her assistant as Deputy Chairman and have all members of Cabinet be members of the Team
- 3. After (2) has been achieved, the President shall recuse himself from the process until the end of the presidential elections
- 4. The Chairman shall meet with Cabinet Members including the President to collect useful information and data needed to be passed on (this process would be done every week until handover)
- 5. The Chairman shall also meet with Presidential Aspirants on behalf of the President at the NSS Office to give them briefings on the rules and regulations in regards to elections
- 6. The Chairman shall also give a deadline for a full list of Senate Nominees from the Aspirants
- The President shall meet with aspirants if the term implies before the 5th of November but isn't allowed to meet to discuss matters concerning the society with aspirants until the elections are over
- 8. The Chairman shall give feedbacks to the President on developments
- 9. After elections are over, the President in a public and private address shall invite the President-Elect and his team to the NSS Office to discuss matters and transitional details concerning running the society, also the Secretary-General shall hand over files received to the President who in turn would choose based on how close handover is to give to the President-Elect
- 10. The Presidential Transition team would admit members of the coming cabinet into the ad hoc team establishing communication between the lame-duck administration and the incoming administration (this process would involve Executives briefing Incoming Executives)
- 11. Also at the President's discretion the coming administration would be invited for select cabinet meetings towards the end of the term.
- 12. The Presidential Transition Team shall be the sole planning committee for the Annual Nigerian Night Celebrations.

- 13. Twelve Hours to the end of the Term the President shall leave behind all files, information in regards to the NSS, Social Media Handles Passwords, Website Access Keys, The NSS Office Keys on the desk of the NSS Office.
- 14. The ad hoc team is dissolved when the new administration term begins

#### Amendment XXI (COMMISSION AND COMMISSIONERS)

There shall be Independent Commissions headed by Commissioners that would serve in fostering services from the Executive Council to the Society as follows:

NSS EMU NEWS COMMISSION (NNC) shall work side-by-side the PR AND IT Departments in ensuring that information is broadcasted freely from the Society

NSS EMU Election Debates Commission (NEDC) shall work side-by-side the PR Department in ensuring that presidential aspirants in as much would give manifestoes as organized by the School Authority have an opportunity to debate themselves to convince Nigerian Students

NSS Archives Commission (NAC) shall work side-by-side the PR AND IT Departments to keep and secure all NSS EMU Information from being lost

#### Amendment XXII (STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION ADDRESS)

The President of the NSS shall on stipulated dates on the Months as follows: February, September & December on a written invitation sent by the Senate President give to the Senate Information of the State of the Association, in a live public address with The Organs of the Society all present and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary Occasions, convene the Senate and in Case of Disagreement between them, with Respect to the Time of Adjournment, he may adjourn them to such Time as he shall think proper.

UPDATED NSS EMU CONSTITUTION 2020

**References** 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. 2. The Constitution of Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus. 3. The Constitution of the National Association of Nigerian Students NANS. 4.Drafted Constitution of NSS