



**CONSTITUTION OF THE NIGERIAN ECONOMICS STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION ADELEKE UNIVERSITY (NESAAU)**

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PREAMBLE

We, the students of the Department of Economics, Adeleke University, Osun State, firmly and solemnly resolve to strengthen the unity of all members of the Economics Department with a commitment to promoting academic excellence, mutual growth, and the general welfare of our members. Recognizing the importance of effective collaboration and utilization of educational and cultural resources available within and beyond our institution, we hereby enact, establish, and give ourselves this Constitution for the effective governance and progress of our department

SECTION ONE (1)

MISSION AND VISSION

SUBSECTION 1: MISSION OF NESAS AU

“Empowering minds, enriching lives: We educate, we research, we inspire.”

At the department of Economics, our mission is to:

1. Educate students to think critically and analytically about economic issues.
2. Conduct research that advances our understanding of economic phenomena and informs policy debates.
3. Inspire our students, faculty, and community to apply economic principles to real-world problems and improve people’s lives.

SUBSECTION 2: VISION OF NESAS AU

Our vision

We believe that every student has the potential to be a leader, and that every leader plays a crucial role in building a nation that benefit all. We envision a future where every student becomes an entrepreneur, equipped with the skills of inventors, innovators, and job creators. We recognize that government plays a vital role in catalyzing nation building. We also believe that the future is not something we enter, but something we create. Ultimately, we hold that giving oneself to a noble cause is the greatest form of leadership.

SECTION TWO (2)

TITLE, NAME AND SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION

SUBSECTION 1: TITLE

This Constitution shall be known and cited as the Constitution of the Nigerian Economics Students' Association Adeleke University (NESAAU). Hereinafter referred to as "THE CONSTITUTION."

SUBSECTION 2: NAME

There shall be established, a university body to be known, called, and addressed as the Nigerian Economics Students' Association Adeleke University (NESAAU) (hereinafter referred to as NESAAU), and it shall be constituted in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

SUBSECTION 3: SUPREMACY

- Subject to the general regulations of Adeleke University and the Federal Republic of Nigeria, this constitution shall be supreme, and its provisions shall have binding force on all members of the Association.
- Any law, norm, custom of anybody, chapter, authority, or persons under NESAAU which is not in compliance with the provisions of this constitution shall, to the extent of this noncompliance, be null and void.

SUBSECTION 4: HOW TO BE ADDRESSED AS A MEMBER

A member of this Association is to be addressed as a "NESITES"

SECTION THREE (3)

FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. **Academic Integrity and Independence:** Operate independently, free from external influence, to pursue knowledge and protect academic freedom.
2. **Equity and Inclusivity:** Prioritize inclusivity, diversity, and equal opportunities for students, staff, and researchers.
3. **Social Responsibility and Public Welfare:** Focus on research and policy recommendations that contribute to social welfare, poverty reduction, and economic inclusion.
4. **Evidence-Based Policy and Research:** Ground research and policy recommendations in rigorous, evidence-based analysis and objective reasoning.
5. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship:** Incorporate sustainable development principles into research and teaching to promote environmental preservation and resource conservation.
6. **Global Engagement and Collaboration:** Encourage global perspectives, international partnerships, and collaborative research to address global challenges.
7. **Interdisciplinary Approach:** Foster an interdisciplinary approach to economics, drawing from and contributing to other fields.
8. **Transparency and Accountability:** Operate with transparency, accountability, and regular evaluations to ensure effective use of resources.
9. **Student-Centered Education:** Prioritize student needs, provide supportive learning environments, and offer opportunities for research and community engagement.
10. **Continuous Improvement and Innovation:** Embrace a culture of continuous improvement, innovation, and adaptation to remain relevant and effective.

SECTION 4

STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

NESAAU shall comprise of two (2) arms. Namely;

1. The executive council
2. Legislative council (senate house)

SUBSECTION 1: THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive members shall comprise:

1. The President
2. Vice President
3. General Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Financial secretary
6. Welfare director
7. Social director
8. Director of Sports.
9. Academic director
10. PRO

SUBSECTION 2: THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Legislative members shall comprise:

1. Senate president
2. Deputy senate president
3. The clerk
4. The mace-bearer
5. Chief whip

SUBSECTION 3: ROLES OF THE (EACH) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. THE PRESIDENT:

The President shall:

- a) Be the head of the Association and Executive Council.
- b) Be responsible for coordinating the activities of other officers of the Executive Council.
- c) Preside at all meetings of the Executive Council.
- d) Be a signatory to the Association's account.
- e) Be a student representative in the Students Disciplinary Committee constituted by the association except when found guilty.
- f) Supervise all activities of the Association.
- g) Represent the Association on any invitation to the Association with the approval of the senate.
- h) Exercise all such powers and carry out all other duties as are allocated to him under other Sections of this constitution.
- i) Make Necessary appointment with the approval of the senate.
- j) Be in the fourth year.
- k) Be head of board.
- l) Have the power to delegate functions which are necessary for the furtherance of the aims of the school.
- m) Coordinate the affairs of the school.

2. VICE PRESIDENT:

The Vice-President shall:

- a) Assist the President in his duties and act in his absence.
- b) Receive and treat complaints in consultation with the President.
- c) Perform any other duties that may be assigned by the Executive President.
- d) Work with director of welfare and socials to ensure successful discharge of their assigned duties during conventions or student gatherings.
- e) Assist and advice the President in the discharge of his duties.

3. GENERAL SECRETARY:

The General Secretary shall:

- a) Be responsible for keeping the financial accounts and records of the society.
- b) be receiving and disbursing funds on behalf of the school subject to the approval of the board.
- c) Perform other duties as directed by the President.

4. TREASURER:

The treasurer shall:

- a) Monitor the payment of annual dues of the Association into specified bank account(s) in consultation with the Senate and the General Assembly.
- b) Be responsible to the Executive Council, Senate and the General Assembly for disbursement of the approved expenditure.
- c) Keep statutory books of accurate and up-to-date financial accounts of the Association.
- d) Make the statutory books of account available to auditors (A Senate Committee in this respect) on demand.
- e) Present an annual audited account of the Association to the Senate and the General Assembly through the Executive President.
- f) Ensure that no member of the Executive Council exceeds the approved budget for his office.
- g) Keep an imprest account as determined by the Senate.
- h) The Executive President may assign carry out other duties as to him/her.
- i) Prepare and submit a monthly financial report to THE SENATE.

5. FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

The financial secretary:

- a) Must have spent at least an academic session in school as an undergraduate.
- b) Shall be responsible for keeping the financial accounts and records of the society.

- c) Shall be receiving and disbursing funds on behalf of the school subject to the approval of the board.
- d) Shall perform other duties as directed by the President.

6. WELFARE DIRECTOR:

The welfare director shall:

- a) Must have spent a full session as an active member of NESAAU
- b) Co-ordinate all the social activities and events of NESAAU
- c) Be responsible for all matters relating to general welfare of all members
- d) Shall be responsible for all matters of feeding, wellbeing, accommodation of members in case of camping, conventions or outings
- e) Shall be the Chairperson of the Welfare Committee
- f) Be responsible for the safety of any NESAAU member in any social event both within and outside the University campuses

7. SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

The social director shall:

- a) Be the Chairman of the Social Committee of the Association.
- b) Be in charge of all social and cultural activities of the Association.
- c) Take custody and maintain proper inventory of all audio-visual equipment of the Association.
- d) Along with the President, direct Orientation or Welcome Week organized by the Association.
- e) Perform duties as may be assigned to him by the Executive President.

8. SPORT DIRECTOR:

The sport director shall:

- a) Be responsible for ensuring a steady stream of sporting activities on campuses.
- b) Be the Chairperson of the Sports Committee.
- c) Co-ordinate the activities of sports and games of clubs recognized by NESAAU.
- d) Be NESAAU's representative on the Faculty's Sports Council.

9. ACADEMIC DIRECTOR:

The academic director shall:

- a) Shall be in the third year
- b) Act for the President in his absence or perform duties delegated to her by the President
- c) Advise and assist the President in the performance of his functions with special reference to the academics of members and overall activities of the NESAAU notwithstanding strictly adhere to the rules and regulations herein this constitution and any law binding on the Adeleke University Community.
- d) Coordinate and organize academic seminars or workshops for the members.
- e) Become Acting President upon removal or incapacitation of the President until a bye -election is conducted.

10. P.R.O.:

The P.R.O shall:

- a) Must have spent at least an academic session in school as an undergraduate
- b) Shall be responsible for publicizing the activities, achievements, events and programs of the school
- c) Shall be responsible for managing the school's aspect of the department website / blog
- d) Shall responsible for communicating notice of meetings to members via bulk sms, printouts or other means which would satisfy the duty
- e) Shall be in charge of publications of the school for non-corporate means such as social media platforms etc.
- f) Shall perform any other duties as directed by the President

SUBSECTION 4: ROLES OF THE (EACH) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. SENATE PRESIDENT:

- a) The Senate President shall preside over all sittings of THE NESAAU SENATE.
- b) The Senate President shall appoint the Clerk of the House. In a situation where all zones are not duly represented at the principal officer level, the Senate President shall appoint the Clerk from that zone.
- c) The Senate President shall, through the Clerk, convene all sittings of THE NESAAU SENATE.
- d) The Senate President shall approve all activities under NESAAU.
- e) The Senate President shall be a signatory to the NESAAU financial account.
- f) The Senate President shall carry out other duties assigned to them by THE NESAAU SENATE.
- g) The Senate President shall cast a vote only in the event of a tie in the house.
- h) The Senate President shall declare the seat of any representative vacant if they are absent from three (3) consecutive sittings of THE NESAAU SENATE.

2. DEPUTY SENATE PRESIDENT:

- a) The deputy senate president shall assist the senate president.
- b) He shall act in the capacity of the senate president in his absence.
- c) He shall carry out other duties assigned to him by the senate president and THE SENATE.
- d) He shall be the electoral officer of the house and as such does not cast any vote.

3. THE CLERK:

- a) The Clerk shall manage the secretarial duties of THE NESAAU SENATE.
- b) The Clerk shall issue communiqués and resolutions adopted by THE NESAAU SENATE after each sitting.

- c) The Clerk shall prepare the agenda of the Parliament, ensuring all members receive a copy at least three (3) days before the Senate sitting.
- d) The Clerk shall perform other duties assigned by the Senate President and the Parliament.

4. THE MACE BEARER:

- a) The Mace Bearer shall lead all Senate processions with the mace, the symbol of authority for THE NESAAU SENATE.
- b) The Mace Bearer shall ensure the safekeeping of the mace.
- c) The Mace Bearer shall carry out other duties assigned by the Senate President and the Parliament.

5. THE CHIEF WHIP:

- a) The chief whip, at all times, shall ensure that peace and orderliness reign in any gathering of members of THE SENATE.
- b) He shall be the intermediary between the presiding officer and the members of the sittings.
- c) He shall carry out other duties assigned to him by the senate president, parliament and general assembly.

SECTION 5

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

Categories of Membership the NESAAU shall consist of:

- a. **Student Members:** These shall be composed of all students of the Department of Economics and duly registered as members of the NESAAU through payment of session dues.

They shall have the privileges to:

1. Obtain on first registration, a copy of the NESAAU's Constitution on payment of prescribed fee.
2. Use the facilities provided by the NESAAU.
3. Wear or display the official colour or merchandize of the NESAAU.
4. Be members of recognized affiliated clubs and societies of the NESAAU subject to the membership requirements of clubs and societies or nullification or dissolution by appropriate University authority or otherwise incapacitated on grounds of ill health.
5. Vote and be voted for in approved NESAAU elections (subject to other provision herein stated in this constitution).

SECTION 6

FINANCES

Subsection 1: Sources of Funds

1. Dues:

- a) The revenue of the Association shall include dues and profits from its legitimate activities.
- b) National dues shall be an amount approved by the National Executive Council (NEC) in consultation with and approval of the Senate.
- c) A NESAAU Chapter's dues shall be an amount approved by the Chapter's Executive Council in consultation with and approval by the Chapter's Senate House.

2. Donations:

- a) The Association shall accept aids, grants and gifts from government, organizations and individuals, provided that such donations shall not in any way undermine the policy and objectives of the Association.
- b) The Association may organize fund raising activities in consultation with and approval of the Senate.

Subsection 2: Expenditure of Association Funds.

1. Liabilities:

The liabilities of the Association shall include;

- a) Expenses in respect of approved functions and activities of the Association.
- b) Salaries in respect of approved functions and activities of the Association.
- c) Funding of Annual National Conference of the Nigerian Economics Students' Association.
- d) The Senate and General Assembly, from time to time approve other expenses as May, in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

2. Disbursement of Association Funds:

- a. The disbursement of any fund (as stipulated in the budget) of the Association shall be duly authorized at any time under the signatures of the president and either the Treasurer or Financial Secretary.
- b. The Treasurer shall be empowered to keep a minimum balance of twenty thousand naira (#20,000.00) only in the Association's (national) account.
- c. Pending the approval of the budget, the president shall have power to authorize payment of salaries of all employees of the Association.
- d. The president in consultation with the Executive Council shall have power to specify the type of bills that shall be honored in absence.
- e. Pay vouchers for all withdrawal, by the Director of Finance.
- f. All vouchers shall be signed by the appropriate officers, the Director of Finance and counter-signed by the president before payment is made.

Subsection 3: Budget

- a. The Executive Council through the President of the Association shall present to the Senate an annual budget showing estimated income and expenditure for the year.
- b. All expenditure shall fall within the budget approved by the Senate.

- c. The Senate shall keep a copy of the approved budget for oversight function(s).
- d. The annual budget shall not, after its approval by the Senate, be amended, except through an appropriation bill sent to the Senate for approval.
- e. The Association shall establish a sinking fund to stabilize its finances - at least five percent (5%) of the Association income, shall be kept in the sinking fund per annum. This shall be kept in a fixed deposit account in any of the commercial banks in Nigeria – in consultation with the Senate and General Assembly.
- f. Withdrawal from the sinking account shall be done on approval of the Senate.

Subsection 4: Annual Dues

In consultation with and approval by the Senate, an agreed sum of two thousand naira (#2000.00) only must be paid as an annual dues to the Treasurer, for effective and efficient running of the Association for the registered chapters, while the executive body will pay #2500.

SECTION 7

ELECTIONS

Subsection 1: Electoral Commission

1. An electoral commission constituted for election purposes shall conduct NESAAU election.
2. The house of senate should be the electoral body.
3. The Commission shall be composed of Student representatives from each level.

4. All members of the commission shall be screened and approved by the Students' Representative Council before they can be said to be members.
5. The Commission shall be responsible to the NESAAU for any abnormality in the electoral process.

Subsection 2: Qualifications for Holding Elective office.

1. Students should be aware of the qualifications of the representative.
2. Notwithstanding, no member shall compete for the position of the office of the president except they complete two (2) academic sessions.
3. A member shall be deemed eligible for election is such a candidate has met his entire academic and social criteria as stipulated in this constitution (have not been caught in exam malpractice, fighting, or any other misconduct) and has paid his/her financial obligation to the association.
4. The aspirant for vice president, president, secretary general must have at least 3.5 cgpa.
5. No member holding an office in the university or faculty association shall be eligible for any position except they resign.
6. A candidate shall be deemed elected by obtaining a simple majority vote count.

Subsection 3: Voting

1. All members of NESAAU are eligible to vote on presentation of the school's I.D Card (or any form of identification).
2. Voting shall be by simple open-secret ballot system.
3. It shall be noted that campaign stops twenty-four (24) hours to the election.
4. Posters for election must be totally on black and white format.
5. No incentives or any form of material inducement(s) is allowed.
6. The campaign must be of very low cost in all ramifications.

Subsection 4: Election Process

1. All counting shall be made public after which, the Chairman of the Electoral Committee shall announce the winner.
2. Representatives of each candidate shall be present at the counting.
3. Election into office shall only last for one academic session.
4. Elections shall be held one month before the commencement of second semester examinations in the University.

Subsection 4: The Tenure of Office

1. Every elective office is for one academic session.
2. All elections must be conducted within the Departmental premises.

SECTION 8

CODE OF CONDUCT

Subsection 1: Code of Conduct for Association Members

1. It shall be the duty of officers and members of the Association to adhere strictly to the provisions of the constitution, as failure to do so shall attract appropriate sanction(s).
2. Offences shall include:
 - a) A breach of any provision of this Constitution.
 - b) Acting in a manner likely to bring the name of the Association to ridicule, disrepute and contempt.
 - c) Fraudulent or dishonest practices, which are likely to embarrass or disgrace the Association.
 - d) Disclosing confidential matters of the Association without the authority to do so.
 - e) Subversion of the activities of the Association.
 - f) Any unlawful or arbitrary act prejudicial to the right of any person.
 - g) Financial indebtedness to the Association.

Subsection 2: Code of Conduct of Executive Council of the Association

1. An officer of the Association should not be in a position where his interest conflict with his duties and responsibilities of the Association.
2. No officer of the Association shall accept any inducement or bribe for the discharge of his duties.
3. Any officer of the Association shall not abuse his office.
4. Dereliction of duty shall constitute an offence on the part of an officer of the Association.
5. Gross incompetence shall constitute an offence.
6. An officer of the Association shall not do or direct to be done in the abuse of his abuse any arbitrary act of prejudice to the right of any person/member of the Association.
7. Calling, governing or presiding over a meeting of the Association without authority as provided for in this Constitution by an officer of the Association shall constitute an offence

Subsection 3: Sanctions

The form of sanction, which shall depend on the seriousness of the particular offence, shall include;

1. Caution
2. Refund or Restitution
3. Suspension from Office
4. Suspension from the Association
5. Debarring from holding office.

SECTION 9

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Subsection 1: Objectives of External Relations

The external relations of NESAAU shall aim to:

1. Foster relationship with external individuals, organizations and institutions that align with the association's mission and vision.
2. Promote the association's activities, programs, and achievements beyond the university community.
3. Facilitate partnerships, sponsorships, and collaborations that contribute to the growth and sustainability of the association.

Subsection 2: Guiding Principles

The following principles that will serve as guidelines for all external engagements are:

1. Transparency: maintain openness and accountability in all dealings with external parties.
2. Integrity: Ensure that all relations align with the values and objectives of the association.
3. Professionalism: Uphold high standards of etiquette, communication, and representation during external engagements.
4. Inclusivity: Encourage diverse and equitable participation in all collaborative efforts.

Subsection 3: Scope of External Relations

1. External relations will encompass partnerships with the following entities:
 - a Academic and professional institutions.
 - b Non-governmental bodies and agencies.
 - c Governmental bodies and agencies.
 - d Alumni networks and individual supporters.
2. The scope shall also include:
 - a Representing NESAAU at conferences,
 - b Inter-university collaborations.

Subsection 4: Responsibility and Oversight

1. The Public Relations Officer (PRO) shall:
 - a Act as the primary liaison between the association and external entities.
 - b Coordinate all external communications, partnerships, and sponsorship efforts.
 - c Provide periodic reports to the executive council on external engagements.
2. The executive council shall:
 - a Approve and oversee all major external relations activities.
 - b Evaluate and ensure all partnerships align with the association's goals.
3. The general assembly will receive updates on significant external engagements and their implications for the association.

Subsection 5: Conflict of Interest

1. Any potential conflicts of interest arising from external relations shall be disclosed and addressed by the executive council.
2. Members shall not engage in external dealings that compromise the integrity or independence of NESAAU

SECTION 10

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Subsection 1: Commencement and Review of the Constitution

1. This Constitution shall come into force with effect from the commencement of the
..... academic session.
2. This constitution will undergo review every 3 years or as necessary, as determined by the Senate House.

Subsection 2: Amendments

1. Any section of this Constitution shall be subject to amendment upon a resolution passed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate House.
2. The Senate House must review all proposed amendments during a formally constituted meeting.
3. Amendments shall not contradict the fundamental objectives of the association as outlined in the preamble of this Constitution.
4. Once approved, amendments will be disseminated to all association members and the executive arm.

Subsection 3: Right of Association Members to a Copy of this Constitution

1. A member of the association shall be entitled to a copy of this Constitution.
2. Updated versions of the Constitution shall be made available to members digitally or in printed form.

Subsection 4: Awards

At the end of an academic session, the Executive Council shall on behalf of the Association issue a certificate of merit, plaques or any form of award to deserving members who served the Association faithfully.

OATH OF OFFICE

I do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and pledge allegiance to Nigerian Economics Students’ Association . That as to the Association, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Association in the Constitution and always in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the Association, that I will strive to protect the mission, vision, rules and regulations in accordance with the Association’s Constitution, I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or decision. I will be fair to members of the Association according to the laws of the constitution without fear or favour, affection or ill-will. I will maintain confidentiality and not directly or indirectly disclose any sensitive information related to the association, as determined by the consensus of its officers or discharge of my duties as of the association. I will devote myself to the service and well-being of the Association and all its members, so help me God.

This constitution is hereby amended on this day by and shall be due for another amendment by

Signed

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