

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
IBADAN MEDICAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
(UIMSA)**

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CHAPTER ONE

(ESTABLISHMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION)

PREAMBLE:

We, the students of Medicine and Surgery, University of Ibadan, hereby enact the following laws for ourselves and these laws shall be used for the good governance of our Association.

Article 1 ESTABLISHMENT

There shall be established in the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, an Association which shall be known by the name ‘University of Ibadan Medical Students’ *Association*’, abbreviated as ‘UIMSA’ and hereinafter referred to as ‘the *Association*’ and shall be constituted and governed in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

Article II AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To promote and protect the general interest and welfare of members of the *Association*.
2. To promote intellectual, social, cultural and sporting activities of the *Association*.
3. To work in synergy with other stakeholders within and outside the university for the provision of conducive atmosphere for learning and development of individual and collective potentials of her members.
4. To coordinate opinions and information, encourage and publish articles of Medical and Non-Medical interests.
5. To actively participate and engage in projects aimed at improving the health of our society.

Article III ATTITUDES AND AFFILIATION

1. The *Association* shall be affiliated to the following bodies: Nigeria Medical Students’ *Association*, International Federation of Medical Students’ *Association*, and Federation of African Medical Students’ *Association*.
2. The *Association* reserves the right to disassociate itself from these bodies when such affiliations are not in the interest of the *Association*.

3. Shall cooperate with the university management and the College of Medicine.
4. The interest of members of the *Association* shall be paramount in all transaction with the aforementioned bodies.
5. The *Association* reserves the right to disassociate itself from these bodies when such affiliations are not in the interest of the *Association*.

Article III MEMBERSHIP AND PRIVILEGES

Membership

1. ORDINARY MEMBERS

An ordinary member shall be any student of Medicine registered in the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. Such member shall pay his Association dues and the membership shall lapse on ceasing to be a registered member of the College of Medicine.

2. HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary membership shall be granted by the Senate only to persons who have greatly contributed or are likely to contribute to the achievement of the Aims and Objectives of the *Association*.

3. LIFE MEMBERS

Life members shall be granted to past ordinary members of the *Association* appointed by the Senate to

the Roll of Honours of the *Association* by reason of their past activities as students or their present activities in the interest of the *Association*.

4. PRIVILEGES

- (a) Ordinary members shall have the privilege to compulsorily, obtain on first registration a copy of the *Association's* constitution.
- (b) Obtain on first and subsequent registration a package containing publications approved by the *Association* among other similarly approved contents.
- (c) Use the facilities provided and recognized by the *Association* and such use should be with the knowledge of the official in charge of such facility.
- (d) Participate in- recognized meeting and functions of the *Association*.
- (e) Vote and be voted for in approved elections of the *Association*.

5. HONORARY MEMBERS SHALL HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO

- (a) Use the facilities of the *Association*
- b) Wear and/or display the official emblem or colours of the *Association*
- c) Honorary members shall have no voting rights

6. **LIFE MEMBERS SHALL HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO**

- a) Use the facilities of the *Association*
- b) Attend all meetings of the *Association*
- c) Wear and/or display the official emblem or colours of the *Association*
- d) Life members shall have no voting rights

CHAPTER TWO

(STRATA OF AUTHORITY)

Article IV Strata of Authority

The Executive Council

- 1. Shall be the executive arm of the *Association*
- 2. Shall be responsible to The Senate, The Congress and to all members of The *Association*.
- 3. Shall endeavour at all times to keep The Senate, The Congress and The *Association* informed of her activities.
- 4. Shall protect the interest and ensure the welfare of members of The *Association* at all times.
- 5. Shall ensure a successful organization of the health week before the expiration of the tenure.

- 6. Shall report all her activities to The Senate and The Congress in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.
- 7. Every member of the Executive Council shall submit a written report of all the activities executed by his/her office to The Senate before the expiration of the tenure.
- 8. Failure to comply with this proviso shall be considered a dereliction of duty and the Senate shall take appropriate punitive action against any member of the Executive Council found guilty of this in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.
- 9. All members of the Executive shall always give the President and other members of the Council adequate information on their activities.
- 10. Shall nominate to The Senate, eligible members of staff for consideration for the role of Staff Advisers.

The Senate

- 11. Shall be the legislative arm of the *Association*.
- 12. Shall perform oversight functions on the Executive Council.
- 13. Shall report her activities to the congress in line with the provisions of this constitution.

The Congress

- 13. Shall be the supreme policy making body of the *Association*.

14. Shall receive reports from the Executive, Senate and other officials of the *Association* and make appropriate recommendations where necessary in the overall interest of the members of the *Association*.

CHAPTER THREE

(THE EXECUTIVE)

Article V The Executive Officers

There shall be the following officers, namely:

1. The President
2. The Vice President
3. The General Secretary
4. The Assistant General Secretary
5. The Treasurer
6. The Financial Secretary
7. The Public Relations Officer
8. The Sports Secretary
9. The Officers for special duties (Two in number) a member from:
 - (a) Pre-clinical section of the College
 - (b) Clinical section of the College

Article VI Staff Advisers.

1. There shall be at least two Staff Advisers, who shall be members of teaching staff, one of whom must be an alumnus of *The Association*.
2. They shall be elected by a simple majority of The Senate, in a meeting called for that purpose, and the college authority duly informed of their acceptance.
3. The tenure of office shall be 3years and can be re-elected once.
4. The Senate shall appoint a temporary Staff Adviser should the substantive one have a cause to be away from the College of Medicine for a minimum period of three months.
5. A Staff Adviser may be re-elected if his performance has been considered satisfactory by the Senate.

Article VIIa Eligibility for executive office

1. **President:** Must have served in the Senate for at least one tenure/term and any other Association standing committee(s) for at least two tenures.
2. **Other Executive Offices (except SDO preclinical)**
Must have served in at least a standing committee of the *Association* relevant to the office being vied for, for at least one tenure. However, aspirants for the office of General Secretary need only to have served on at least two standing committees of the *Association* for at least one tenure.
3. Aspirants for the post of SDO preclinical need not to have served on any standing committee.
4. All aspirants in 1-3 above should have fulfilled all other criteria that may be set in other articles of this constitution.

Article VIIb Duties of the Executive Officers

President

1. Shall be the head of the *Association*
2. Shall be the head of the Executive Council of the *Association*
3. Shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Council when present.
4. Shall coordinate all aspects of the *Association's* activities.
5. Shall veto all Executive decisions when there is a tie.

6. Shall present the annual budget and year plan of his executive council to the Senate, not later than 2 weeks after the inaugural meeting of the Senate.
7. Shall exercise all such powers and carry out all other duties as are hereinafter allocated to him under other articles of the Constitution.

Vice President

8. Shall advise and assist the President in his duties.
9. Shall deputize for the President in his absence.
10. Shall coordinate the social and cultural activities of the *Association*.
11. Shall organize at least one Community Health Awareness Programme in a tenure.
12. Shall perform all such other duties as are allocated to him under other articles of this constitution and by the executive council.

General Secretary

13. Shall be the head of the *Association's* Secretariat.
14. Shall convene Executive Council meetings of the *Association* at the request of the President
15. Shall keep attendance books, minutes and records of Executive Council Meetings.
16. Shall plan and organize the Annual Awosika Symposium.

17. Shall be responsible for all the correspondence of the *Association* and hand over such records first to the Senate and then to the annual end-of-session Congress meeting within the period of his tenure of office.
18. Shall carry out any other duties as may be assigned to him by other articles of this constitution and the Executive Council.

Assistant General Secretary

19. Shall assist the General Secretary in his duties and deputize for him in his absence.
20. Shall assist the Vice President in the coordination of the social and cultural activities of the *Association*.
21. Shall carry out any other duties as may be assigned to him by other articles of this Constitution and by the Executive Council.

Treasurer

22. Shall be responsible to the Executive Council for the disbursement of the approved expenditure of the *Association*.
23. Shall present an annual audited account of the finances of the *Association* to the Senate.
24. Shall publicly display copies of the approved budget and audited account as presented to the Senate for Student's information.

25. Shall keep records and custody of all receipts of withdrawal, payments and statutory books of accounts as may be directed by the auditors of the *Association*.
26. Shall also perform all the functions as are hereinafter assigned to him under other articles of the Constitution and by the Executive Council.

Financial Secretary

27. Shall be responsible for all business ventures of the *Association*
28. Shall be the head of the fund raising committee of the *Association* .
29. Shall keep records and custody of all receipts of withdrawal and payments.
30. Shall perform all such other duties as are hereinafter allocated to him under other articles of this constitution and by the Executive Council.

Public Relations Officer

29. Shall in consultation with the Executive be responsible for the external and internal publicity of the activities of the *Association*.
30. Shall make such public statements on behalf of the *Association* as may from time to time be deemed fit by the Executive.
31. Shall be the Chairman of Publications Committee.

32. Shall perform all such other duties as are hereinafter allocated to him under other articles of this constitution and by the Executive Council.

Sports Secretary

33. Shall coordinate all sporting activities, all games and games clubs of the *Association*.
34. Shall be the Chairman of the Sports Committee.
35. Shall perform all such other duties as are hereinafter allocated to him under other articles of this constitution and by the Executive Council.

Officers for Special Duties

36. Shall carry out such functions as the Executive Council may deem fit.

Article VIII Powers of the Executive Council

1. Shall carry out the day-to-day running of the *Association*.
2. Shall subject to the control and approval of the Senate and ultimately the Congress, seek all concessions, all grants and authorizations from the College or outside the College and enter into such contracts, agreements and do any other such things as may be deemed necessary for carrying on the business of the *Association*, provided such contracts and actions with bodies outside the College shall be subject to approval by the College authorities when necessary.

3. Shall at the approval of Senate cause Statutory bodies to be set up if the need arises.
4. Shall present to the Senate, Student Representatives chosen to the College boards for ratification. In the event of the Senate rejecting the students so presented, the Executive Council shall proceed to make other nominations still subject to Senate ratification.

Article IX Meetings of the Executive Council

1. Shall meet as often as necessary for the smooth and effective running of the *Association*.
2. It shall be the duty of the President, acting through the Secretary, to summon meetings of the Executive.
3. The President or the Vice-President, the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary, the Financial Secretary or the Treasurer and any other two members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum at Executive Council meetings; that is to say that a minimum of five(5) shall form a quorum.
4. The President shall be required to convene a meeting of the Executive on receipt of a request signed by at least three members of the Executive Council.
5. The Executive shall decide the manner in which it shall vote on any issue before it.
6. It shall be obligatory for the Secretary to take minutes of every Executive meeting and circulate copies of same to members within seven days of the sitting of such a meeting.

7. Notice of ordinary meetings shall be left at the Hall of members at least forty eight (48) hours before the commencement of the meeting.
8. The Secretary shall be responsible for adequate notification of emergency meetings to the members.

Article X Discipline of the Executive Council

1. All members of the Executive should be disciplined and carry out their official duties efficiently and with strict adherence to the Constitution, laws passed by the Senate and resolutions of the Congress. However, a disciplinary action shall be taken against any erring members of the Executive in accordance with the provisions of this article.
2. Any member of the Executive who fails to perform his duties as specified in section 1 above shall be queried by the President. Where the explanation given is considered unsatisfactory or not tenable, the President shall refer the matter to the Senate in writing.
3. The President should be referred to the Senate when he errs by a letter written and endorsed by a simple majority of votes.
4. On receipt of the letter, the Senate shall constitute a five man-committee to investigate and report her findings within two (2) weeks. If the individual is found guilty, an appropriate action shall be taken by the Senate in accordance with sections 4 and 5 below.
5. (a) A member of the Executive shall be suspended from office by a simple majority vote of the Senators

present at a duly constituted Senate meeting; if he is found guilty of any of the following offences:

- (i) Absence from executive meetings to which he is duly notified for three occasions without the permission of the president.
 - (ii) Absence of an executive from meetings of the senate to which he is duly notified three occasions without the permission of the Senate Chairman.
 - (iii) Misappropriation of funds
 - (b) The duration of the suspension shall be determined by the Senate.
6. Any member of the Executive shall be removed from office by a two-third majority vote of Senators present at a duly constituted Senate meeting; if he is found guilty of any of the followings:
 - (a) Embezzlement of funds;
 - (b) Dereliction of duty;
 - (c) Constitutional breach;
 - (d) Any action that a simple majority of the Senate considers as to have undermined the integrity of the *Association*.

CHAPTER FOUR

(THE SENATE)

Article XI Establishment, Composition and term of Office Establishment

1. There shall be a Medical Student's Senate hereinafter known as 'the Senate' which shall be the representative policy-making body of the *Association*.

Composition

2. Members of the *Association's* Executive Council
- 3 (a) There shall be elected class Senators on the basis of a maximum of six representatives per class irrespective of the class population.
 - (b) These Senators in 3a above are not necessarily 'group representatives' However, the class may choose to elect them as 'group representatives' and the Senator with the highest number of votes will be the class representative (Majority Leader).
- 3 (a) (i) Immediate past President and Senate chairman provided they are still undergraduate students of the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan.
 - (ii) The aforementioned two above shall be ex-officio members with full responsibilities, rights and privileges of Senators in section 3 above.
 - (iii) At least two persons from 100L to be co-opted.
 - (b) Co-opted members of not more than six.

Conditions for co-option

Co-option may be in the following instances:

- (i) Regular attendance and useful contributions of an observer at Senate meetings
- (ii) Member (s) of the *Association* serving on external bodies such as NIMSA, FAMSA, or IFMSA
- (iii) Or any other situation(s) as may be deemed appropriate by the Senate provided this does not violate other articles of this Constitution.

Term of Office

5. Shall be from the day of swearing-in to the day the incoming Senate and the Executive are sworn-in

Article XII Senate Officers and Duties of Officers

1. Senate Chairman.
2. Deputy Senate Chairman
3. Senate Registrar
4. Deputy Senate Register (from preclinical school)
5. Chief Whip
6. Apart from being a member of the incumbent Senate, aspirant(s) for the post of the Senate chairman must have served at least one term as a Senator in the past.

7. The Officers shall be elected by the Senate by secret ballot at its inaugural meeting from amongst its own members, but outside the Executive Council.

Duties of Officers

Chairman

8. Shall preside over and moderate at all meetings of the Senate.
9. Shall summon all meetings of the Senate.
10. Shall have the power to constitute Senate committee as he deems fit in accordance with the Senate rules except where otherwise stated by this Constitution.

Deputy Chairman

11. Shall assist the Chairman in all his duties.
12. Shall deputize for the Chairman in his absence.

Registrar

13. Shall take charge of the secretarial duties of the Senate.
14. Shall take minutes of all Senate meetings or may delegate such to the deputy registrar on good reasons when necessary. Shall at the instance of the Chairman, summon all Senate meetings and an inaugural meeting of a new Senate.

Chief Whip

15. Shall ensure adherence to Senate rules and ethics during plenary session.

Duties of a Senator

16. A Senator shall attend all meetings convened by the Senate leadership.
17. Shall vote in any matter that requires him to do so.
18. Shall intimate the members of his constituency on the state of the *Association* at least once in a month.
19. Shall work with other officials of the *Association* to ensure the progress of the *Association*.
20. Shall sponsor a bill(s) or motion(s) on issues of importance in the interest of the *Association*.

Article XIII Discipline of Senators and Senate Officers

1. (a) The Senate shall make for herself a code of conduct guiding the Senators to be known by the name '**The Senate Rules and Ethics**' and shall be binding on all Senators.
 - (b) Any member of the Senate can be disciplined based on the provisions of the Senate rules.
2. Without prejudice to the provision of section 1 above, a senator shall lose his seat if:-
 - (a) He is absent from three (3) meetings to which he was formally invited;
 - (b) He is recalled by his constituency.
 - (c) He resigns.

3. A senator shall be deemed to be absent from a Senate meeting if:
 - (a) He comes to the meeting 30 minutes or more after the scheduled time of the meeting, without a pre-information of the Senate Chairman.
 - (b) He did not attend the meeting at all and without written pre-information of the Senate Chairman.
4. A member of the Senate shall be suspended from office by a simple majority vote of the Senators present at a duly constituted Senate meeting if he is absent from meetings of the Senate to which he is duly notified for three (3) or more occasions without the permission of the Senate Chairman.

Process of Recall

5. Any member of the Senate may be recalled if there is a written petition to that regard signed by more than a half of the members of his constituency alleging loss of confidence in him and presented to the Senate Chairman.
6. A Senator wishing to resign his membership shall do so in the constituency in the first instance. He shall thereafter notify the Senate Chairman in writing and who shall then inform the chairman of the electoral commission.

Removal of Senate Officers

7. (a) Whenever an allegation(s) of misconduct is leveled against any officer of the Senate, a five-man ad hoc committee shall be constituted by the Senate to

investigate such allegation(s) and submit her report within two (2) weeks.

- (b) If the Senate Chairman or Registrar is under investigation, he shall step aside throughout the period of the investigation while the deputy takes over. However, in the event of both the Senate Chairman and his deputy or the Senate Registrar and his deputy are being investigated; both shall step aside throughout the period of the investigation while the Senate shall elect a pre tempore Senate Chairman or pre tempore Senate Registrar.
- (c) Any officer of the Senate shall be removed from office by a two-third majority vote of Senators present at a duly constituted Senate meeting if he is found guilty of any of the following.
 - (i) Embezzlement or misappropriation of funds.
 - (ii) Dereliction of duty
 - (iii) Constitution Breach
 - (iv) Any action that a simple majority of the Senate, considers as to have undermined the integrity of the Senate.
8. A Senator shall be deemed to have forfeited his seat if he fails to move along with his class following a major examination. However, this does not exclude him from running for office(s) or position(s) in subsequent elections. The Senate may co-opt him if she deems it necessary.

Article XIII Powers of the Senate

1. Shall be the representative policy-making body of the *Association*.
2. Shall take cognizance of any report which may be brought before her involving the conduct of any member of the *Association* which affects the reputation of the *Association* and may take such steps as she deem fit.
3. Shall approve the annual budget of the *Association* and the budget so approved shall be the official budget of the *Association*.
4. Shall have power to appoint, suspend or remove the *Association's* Bankers provided that the college authorities are duly informed of such appointments, suspensions or removals.
5. May bring before the Congress any matter she considers material to the *Association* or its objectives which appears to affect the interest of the *Association*, and make recommendations.
6. Shall have power to appoint any member of the *Association* and subject to recognition of the College authorities, an approved employee of the College of Medicine or an external expert to serve the *Association* in advisory, supervisory or administrative capacity with such powers as she may deem fit.
7. Shall have power to elect members to serve in external organizations in which U.I.M.S.A has a stake, including Nigeria Medical Students Association (NIMSA),

Federation of African Medical Students Association (FAMSA), International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA) etc.

8. Shall review the activities of the Executive Council at least once in three months.
9. May co-opt such members as it deems necessary subject to the clearance of the electoral commission. However not more than six (6) members may so be co-opted; such members are entitled to the rights and privileges of elected Senators.
10. Shall take cognizance of all letters of recognition brought before it and communicate the Electoral Commission for necessary action. All property of the *Association* in the possession of a resigning office shall be returned to the Chairman of Senate within 24 hours of the receipt of such letters of resignation.
11. Shall have power to suspend any Senator by a simple majority vote cast by members present and voting shall be by secret ballot.
12. May sit in camera when it deems fit.
13. All Senators shall have the right to sponsor or second motions in the Senate.
14. Shall exercise all other powers as are allocated to under other articles of this constitution.

Article XIV Meetings of the Senate

Inaugural Meetings

1. Shall be held within two (2) weeks after its election.
2. Shall be summoned at the instance of the chairman of the out-going Senate acting through the Registrar.
3. The Officers of the in-coming Senate shall be elected at the inaugural meeting.
4. The conduct of the election shall be by any conventional procedure deemed fit by the presiding officers provided it does not violate any part of this Constitution.
5. The officers of the out-going Senate shall preside at the inaugural meeting.

Ordinary Meetings

- 6(a) The first ordinary meeting of the new Senate shall be held within a week of the inaugural meeting.
- (b) It shall be mandatory for the new Senate officers to present the Senate plan of action for the year during this meeting.
- (c) Furthermore, the Senate standing committees shall be constituted and inaugurated during this meeting.
7. The Chairman shall moderate at all meetings of the Senate and in his absence the Deputy Chairman shall take over.

8. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of Senate acting through the Registrar of the Senate to summon meetings of the Senate. Notice of all such meetings shall be circulated to all Senators individually at least 48 hours before the time of sitting and such notices shall be displayed publicly on notice boards of the Halls or other places as may be directed by the Senate.
9. A quorum shall be formed by one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of Senate membership excluding Senators officially absent from the meeting. (A Senator shall be considered officially absent if he is writing MB examination, is on outside postings, and holidays).
10. Voting at Senate meetings shall be a show of hands except where a Senator presses for a secret ballot and where this Constitution provides the contrary. The executive council shall have only one (1) vote to be cast by the President or in his absence Vice President
11. Every question or proposal shall be decided by majority of votes of members present and voting except if otherwise provided for in the Constitution.
12. Minutes of all Senate meetings and record of attendance of its members there shall be recorded by the Registrar in a book kept specifically for the purpose. Such minutes shall, after approval by the Senate, be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which they are read, and displayed publicly on notice boards of the hall or other places as may be directed by the Senate. Every such minutes when recorded and signed accordingly shall be considered as correct record of the proceedings.

Emergency Meetings

13. All emergency meetings shall be summoned by the Chairman of the Senate. He may so act on the following occasions:
 - (a) Whenever he judges it right to do so in the interest of *Association*.
 - (b) At the request of the President of the *Association*
 - (c) On the receipt of a request signed by at least one-third (1/3) of the total membership of the Senate.
14. Notice of an emergency meeting shall be delivered into the rooms of all Senators (where possible) and shall be conspicuously displayed on Hall notice boards at least 12hours before the time of sitting; such notice shall include the agenda for the meeting.
15. The quorum shall be one-third (1/3) of the entire membership of the Senate excluding Senators officially absent from the meeting.
16. The meeting shall proceed to discuss first the emergent points as contained in the agenda. Any other emergent points may then be discussed thereafter at the discretion of the Chairman.
17. Decision on the emergent points to be discussed shall be agreed upon by a simple majority of members present.

Procedure for Senate Meeting

18. Procedure for all Senate meetings shall be as contained in the Senate Rules and Ethics.

CHAPTER FIVE

THE CONGRESS

Article XVI Establishment, Composition and Term of Office Establishment

1. There shall be established in the University of Ibadan Medical Students' Association a "Medical Students' Congress" herein-after referred to as 'The Congress.
2. **Composition**
 - (a) 10 elected Congress members each from all the classes
 - (b) All Senators.
 - (c) All members of the Executive.
 - (d) The Chairperson and Secretary of the electoral commission.
 - (e) Each of NIMSA, FAMSA and IFMSA representative who are UIMSA members.
 - (f) The Editors-in-chief of the UIMSA press organizations and Dokita Editorial Board.
 - (g) Past members of the Executive and the Senate who are still students.

- (h) Any other member of UIMSA unspecified above can attend Congress meeting as an observer.

Term of Office

- 3. Shall be from the day of inauguration to the day the incoming Congress is inaugurated.
- 4. All Congressmen shall be addressed as ‘Honourables’

Article XVII Officers and Duties of Officers

- 1. The Chancellor
- 2. The Deputy Chancellor
- 3. Congress Scribe
- 4. Chief Whip
- 5. These officers shall be members of Congress specifically elected to the body as provided in Article XVI.

Duties of the Officers

Chancellor

- 6. Shall preside over and moderate at all meetings of the Congress.
- 7. Shall call all meetings of the congress through the scribe and shall make minutes of the meetings available to all the UIMSA press organizations for publication in

their various press boards not later than 72 hrs after the meeting.

- 8. Shall call the end of session meeting of the Congress through the Congress scribe to consider the *Association’s* activities as provided for in this Constitution.

Deputy Chancellor

- 9. Shall assist the Chancellor in all his duties
- 10. Shall deputize for the chancellor in his absence.

Congress Scribe

- 11. Shall take minutes of all Congress meetings and shall display conspicuously such minutes 72 hours after the Congress meeting.
- 12. Shall take charge of the Secretarial duties of the Congress.
- 13. Shall call Congress meeting following a demand to that effect from the Chancellor.

Chief Whip

- 14. Shall ensure adherence to Standing Order during plenary session

Article XVII Power of the Congress

- 1. Shall be the judicature and final arbiter of the *Association*.
- 2. Shall have power to dissolve:

- (a) The Executive Council by a two-third (2/3) majority vote.
- (b) The Senate by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote.
In each case the required majority vote fraction refers to the entire Congress membership.
- 3. In the event of the Congress dissolving any of the 2 bodies in Article XVII(2), the Congress shall proceed to elect in that same meeting a caretaker committee to run the affairs of the *Association* pending the election of new bodies by the Electoral Commission.
- 4. In the event of a crisis affecting the Medical Students' Association, the Congress shall have power to decide the course of action of the *Association*.
- 5. Shall have power to ratify such amendments and reviews of the *Association's* Constitution passed by the Senate to it before it is considered binding on the *Association*. The procedure for this amendment shall be provided in Article XXIX of this constitution.
- 6. Shall have power to remove from office:
 - (a) The Chancellor by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the entire membership of the Congress present at a meeting.
 - (b) The Deputy Chancellor, Scribe of the Congress and Chief Whip by two-third (2/3) majority vote of the entire membership of the Congress present at a meeting. Voting for the above shall be by secret ballot.

Article XIX Meetings of the Congress

Ordinary Meetings

- 1. The Congress shall have three (3) ordinary meetings within a Congress year.
- 2. The first ordinary meeting shall hold not later than one month after the swearing in, at this meeting, the congress shall:
 - (a) Review pertinent and outstanding issues from the previous administration.
 - (b) Be presented with the year plans of both the Executive and the Senate.
 - (c) Be presented with the year plans and/or states of FAMSA, NIMSA, Dokita Editorial Board and the UIMSA press organizations by their respective representative.
 - (d) Constitute Congress committees as she deems fit
- 3. The second ordinary meeting shall hold mid tenure. At this meeting, the Congress shall
 - (a) Receive the state of the *Association* reports from the executive and the Senate for review.
 - (b) Receive reports of activities from FAMSA, NiMSA, Dokita Editorial Board, the UIMSA press organization and congress committee.
- 4. The third ordinary meeting shall hold at the end of the tenure, the Congress shall:

- (a) Review the electoral process and pass a resolution either to accept or reject the exercise by a two-third majority. The entire electoral process can only be rejected if the election is generally characterized by gross irregularities and proven with concrete evidences.
- (b) In the event of a rejection of the electoral process by the Congress, the entire election would be cancelled and a fresh election shall be conducted within three (3) weeks.
- (c) Receive formal written reports of the activities of the Executive and the Senate.
- (d) Receive formal written reports of activities of FAMSA, NIMSA, Dokita Editorial Board, the UIMSA press organizations from their representatives and the Congress committee.

Emergency Meetings

- (7) An emergency meeting may be summoned by the Congress Chancellor to discuss an issue he considers to be of urgent importance to the *Association*.

CHAPTER SIX

(ELECTIONS AND DISSOLUTIONS)

Article XX Electoral Commission

- 1. The *Association's* elections shall be conducted by the Electoral Commission, which shall be made up of:
 - (a) Chairman

- (b) Two members
- (c) One (1) electoral supervisor from each class

All shall be appointed by the Senate not later than four (4) weeks before the commencement of elections.
- 2. The term of office of the Electoral Commission shall be from the day of its appointment to the day a new Electoral Commission is appointed.
- 3. Shall draw up electoral regulations subject to the provision of this Constitution. Such regulations shall be published at least one (1) week before the date of the election.
- 4. Shall have power to screen all candidates contesting for the *Association's* Executive offices, Senatorial and Congressional seats.
- 5. Shall have power to disqualify:
 - (a) Any aspirant who has been found guilty by any committee of enquiry or a statutory body set up according to the provision of this Constitution.
 - (b) Any aspirant who has ever forfeited his seat in the Senate or Congress.
 - (c) Any aspirant who had resigned an office before the expiration of his term of office for reasons unacceptable to the Commission.
 - (d) Any nominations not complying with the provisions of this Constitution.

- (e) Any aspirant found to be a member of a secret cult.
- (f) Any aspirant that fails to meet the criteria required for specific offices as provided by this Constitution.

Article XXI Elections

Dates of Election

- 1. All elections to the Executive Council shall be held latest two (2) months before the commencement of the final MB;BS examination, but the Senate shall have power to extend this period by not more than two (2) weeks if it finds the period inconvenient.
- 2. All elections to the Senate and Congress shall be held not later than one (1) week after the elections into the Executive Council.

Procedure for the Elections

- 3. All elections to the *Association's* offices (Executive, Senate and Congress) shall be by secret ballot.
- 4. Candidates' nomination papers shall contain inter alia,
 - (a) The name of the office being contested for.
 - (b) The name and signature of the candidate.
 - (c) The name and signatures of the proposer and seconder.
- 5. A proposer shall propose only one (1) candidate for each Executive office and as many as his class is allowed for the Senatorial or Congressional seats.

- 6. All nominations shall close five (5) days before the elections and the Electoral Commission shall be obliged to publish and display conspicuously, on approved notice board, the list of nominees.
- 7. The Electoral Commission shall proceed to screen the candidates for the elections.
- 8. The list of qualified candidates to contest the election shall be conspicuously displayed on approved notice boards at least five (day) before the date of the elections.
- 9. In the event of less than two (2) candidates qualifying to contest for an *Association's* office, the Electoral Commission shall declare a well published 2-day grace period for further nominations to that particular office.
- 10. The withdrawal of candidates from elections shall not be valid after the close of nominations.
- 11. In the event of one (1) candidate qualifying and contesting for an *Association's* office after 2-day period of grace, the electoral commission shall conduct the election to such an office on a 'Yes' or 'No' basis.
- 12. In the events of an office without nominations at the end of the 2-day period of grace, the Electoral Commission shall declare the office vacant.
- 13. The in-coming Senate shall then appoint a member of the *Association* to the office on the recommendations of the incoming Executive Council.

14. A voter shall cast as many votes as there are number of seats allocated to his class in the Senate, Congress and Executive elections and as many votes as there are Executive Officers available to the Electoral Commission for filling.
15. At the end of polling, the class supervisor shall collect the boxes and with the aid of such people as the Electoral Commission shall appoint, count the votes in the presence of the candidates and/or their representatives.
16. The candidates with the highest number of votes or with more 'Yes' votes than 'No' votes shall be deemed to have been duly elected.
17. When an elected office is vacant by virtue of resignation or otherwise, the vacant office shall be filled within thirty (30) days of occurrence of such vacancies. The process shall be by bye-election and shall be conducted in the manner of the ordinary election.
18. The result of voting shall be announced as soon as they are known and a detailed list of qualified candidates and the votes they obtained shall be published within 24 hours of completing the counting.
19. Each qualified candidate for an office shall not be allowed more than two (2) representatives of his choice at the counting centre.
20. On failure to comply with the above requirements by the Electoral Commission the Senate shall:

- (a) In the case of Executive Council, have power to appoint a member of the *Association* to the office on the recommendation of Executive and ratified by two-third (2/3) majority of Senators present and voting.
- (b) In the case of Senate, have power to co-opt any member of the *Association* subject to ratification of majority of Senators present and voting.

Date of Swearing-in Ceremony

21. The Executive Council, the Senate and Congress shall be sworn-in not later than two (2) weeks after the elections.

Article XXII Complaints to the Electoral Commission

1. All complaints with regard to the conduct of elections or electioneering malpractices should be filed to the Commission within 24 hours of the occurrence of the cause of the complaint.
2. Any complaint received after 24 hours shall be considered null and void.
3. The Electoral Commission shall have power to consider petitions and take appropriate actions within 48 hours of receiving the complaint.
4. The Electoral Commission shall have power to dismiss a petition which is not supported by concrete evidence of malpractice.

Article XXII Discipline of the Electoral Commission

1. Any member of the commission found guilty of conniving with a candidate to perpetrate an act of malpractice shall be dismissed from office and barred from holding any office in the *Association* (Executive, Senate and Congress) thereafter.
2. A member of the Commission is not excepted to campaign for any candidate.
3. Members of the Commission shall not procure or help to procure electioneering materials for any candidate or make speeches either in favour or against a candidate. A member of the Commission found guilty of the above shall be dealt with as in Article (XXIII) (i).

Article XXIV Dissolution of the Executive Council, Senate and Congress

1. The Executive Council shall be dissolved not later than three weeks before the date of the elections to a new executive council in a Senate meeting summoned for that purpose.
2. The Senate shall consequently declare the *Association's* offices vacant for elections.
3. The Senate shall take possession of the *Association's* files and property from the out-going members of the Executive Council.

4. The Senate shall hand over the *Association's* files and property to the newly elected Executive Council, Senate and Congress.
5. The Congress and Senate shall be dissolved on the day the in-coming Executive, Senate and Congress are sworn-in.

CHAPTER SEVEN

(GENERAL PROVISION)

Article XXV Finance

Sources of Income

1. Membership dues to be recommended by the Executive and ratified by the Senate at least one (1) month before the beginning of a new session.
2. All donations made to the *Association*.
3. All profits accruing from activities organized as well as utilities provided by the *Association*.
4. Proceed from any undertaking that the *Association* may deem fit to embark on from time to time.
5. Grants made by the College or other bodies in aid of the *Association's* activities.
6. Funds coming into the *Association* from other sources.

Disbursement

7. The Executive Council shall proceed to disburse the *Association's* funds only after the annual budget have been approved by the Senate.

Disbursement of membership duties

8. All funds from dues of members shall be disbursed among the various arms of the *Association* as provided below:
 - (a) Three-quarter (3/4) of the total sum shall be for the Executive Council.
 - (b) One-quarter (1/4) of the total sum shall be for the Senate and the congress and shall be shared as follows:
 - (i) Four-fifth (4/5) for the Senate.
 - (ii) One-fifth (1/5) for the Congress
9. Disbursement of funds in the Senate and Congress shall be with the directive of the Senate Chairman and Congress Chancellor respectively in accordance with the budget of both arms as approved by the Senate and Congress respectively.

Funds may be disbursed for the following:

10. Stationery and equipment for running the *Association's* Secretariat.
11. Furnishing and maintenance of the *Association* Secretariat.
12. Salaries of approved employees of the *Association*.
13. Expenses in respect of approved functions of the *Association*.
14. Approved capital expenditure in respect of utilities provided by the *Association*.
15. Such other expenses as may be recommended by the Executive and approved by the Senate from time to time.
16. Electoral Commission Secretariat fund covering a budget to that effect presented by the Commission to the Senate for ratification.

Procedure for disbursement

17. The Executive Council shall meet to agree on any particular disbursement of the *Association's* funds. The meeting shall be convened subject to the provisions of the Constitution on ordinary or emergency meetings.
18. The following shall be signatories to all withdrawals from the *Association's* bank account;
 - (a) The President

- (b) The Treasurer
- (c) The Financial Secretary
- 19. The annual budget after acceptance by the Senate shall be presented to the Staff Adviser for his information.
- 20. The Treasurer shall be empowered to keep an impress account of not more than the amount determined by the Senate at its inception.
- 21. The Treasurer shall be solely responsible for issuing money from the treasury.
- 22. Copies of the approved budget shall be conspicuously displayed on hall notice boards and other notice boards as may be directed by the Senate. Copies shall also be made available to the Provost of the College of Medicine for his information.
- 23. Once the budget is approved by the Senate, no amendment may be made in the allocation of the *Association's* funds except by the re-approval of the Senate.

Receipt

- 24. Receipts duly signed by the Treasurer and stamped shall be made out in acknowledgement of all funds received by the *Association*.
- 25. Receipts shall be obtained for all demands made from the Treasurer.

- 26. Receipts shall be made out in triplicate on the official receipt books of the *Association* and a copy of the triplicate shall be deposited with the Financial Secretary for his records.
- 27. Receipts of expenditure must be submitted to the Financial Secretary within one (1) week of such transactions (statements of account countersigned by whoever authorized the expenditure must be submitted where receipts are not possible).
- 28. No bills shall be considered for claims without pre-information of the Executive Council.
- 29. Any amount or revenue realized from any venture embarked upon shall be immediately forwarded to the Treasurer; an amount shall be deposited into the *Association's* bank account on the next working day. Any expenditure from the *Association's* funds individually kept shall not be honored and such member of the Executive Council shall be sub-charged with an interest of 10% of such amount privately kept.
- 30. At every ordinary Executive meeting, the amount of the *Association* shall be made known to members.

Sinking Fund

- 31. The *Association* shall establish a Sinking fund to stabilize the finance of the *Association*.
- 32. At least 5% of the fund of the *Association* shall go into the sinking fund every year. The fund shall be kept in a fixed deposit account in a bank approved by the Senate

or in stock as may be advised by the bank and approved first by the Senate and then by the Congress.

33. Withdrawal from the sinking fund shall be made only with the approval of the Senate at its ordinary meeting.

Audit

34. Accounts of the *Association* shall be audited at least twice within an Executive year by the audit committee.
35. In external auditor may be appointed whenever such is deemed necessary by the Senate.
36. The last audit of the *Association's* account in the term of office of an Executive Council shall take place just before the Executive Council is dissolved. The Executive Council shall be dissolved not later than one week after conclusion of this audit.

Article XXVI Publication of the *Association*

Establishment

1. There shall be for the *Association* the following publications:
 - (a) Dokita Journal
 - (b) Ibadan Medscions magazine.
 - (c) UIMSA Newsletter or bulletin.

2. The publishing of the publications except the Dokita Journal shall be coordinated by the publications committee.
3. The editorial board of any of the publications in (b) and (c) above shall be drawn from the editorial board of all of the UIMSA press organizations and shall be constituted by the Editor-in Chief of UIMSA clinical press who may be the head.
4. The contents of the publications shall reflect the objectives and attitudes of the *Association*.
5. The editorial board shall be responsible for the management of the accounts of the publications and a high level of accountability shall be required of all the members to the Senate.

Responsibilities of the Editorial Boards

6. Shall function to reflect the aims and attitude of the *Association*.
7. The Editorial Boards of the publications shall be responsible to the aims of the *Association* especially with respect to article II, Section 4 of the aims and objectives of the *Association*.
8. The Editorial Boards shall present a copy of the Boards' business proposals to the Senate not later than four weeks after the election of new officers on the board. The proposals shall not be subject to debate and ratification by the Senate but the Senate may offer any advice she deems fit.

9. The Editorial Boards shall present their annual audited accounts to the Senate, which shall not be subject to debate by members of the Senate.
10. The Editorial Boards shall present the annual report of their member activities to the Senate.
11. The Constitutions and policy decision of the Editorial Board of the publications shall be reviewed by the Senate before they are deemed operational.
12. The Editorial Boards of the publications shall have administrative and financial autonomy subject to the fulfillment of the foregoing (article XXV 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7).
13. The Editorial Board shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the accounts of the publication.

UIMSA PRESS ORGANISATIONS

14. The *Association* shall have the following press organizations:
 - (a) UIMSA Prelim Press for 100 level members only.
 - (b) UIMSA Pre-Clinical Press for 200 and 300 level members only
 - (c) UIMSA Clinical Press for the clinical students only
15. Any member of the *Association* can be a member of the press provided that he has satisfied the criteria set by the Editorial Board of the press.

Duties of the press

16. To sensitize members of the *Association* on the programmes and activities of the *Association*.
17. To serve as a source of information, education and entertainment to all members of the *Association*.
18. Shall publish on her press board all official notices or any other information meant for the members of the *Association* from any office of the *Association*.
19. Shall attend Senate and Congress meetings and report the proceedings.
20. Shall through her publications and constructive criticisms make the elected officials responsible to the members of the *Association*.

Administration of the Press organizations

21. There shall be an Editorial Board for each of the press organizations in (1) above.
22. The editorial board shall run the affairs of the press in accordance with the ethics of campus journalism.
23. The Editorial Board shall be made up of at least the following offices:
 - (a) Editor-in-Chief
 - (b) Deputy Editor-in-Chief
 - (c) Board Secretary

- (d) Any other office provided by the press constitution.
- 24. The Editorial Board shall be the highest policy making organ of the press.
- 25. The Editor-in-Chief shall be the head of the Editorial Board and the press organization.
- 26. The powers and functions of the members of the Editorial Board shall be as provided by the press Constitution.
- 27. The press shall always inform the Public Relations Officer and the Senate in writing of the holders of the Editorial Board offices.

The Press constitution

- 28. There shall be a Constitution for the UIMSA press organizations to guide her activities.
- 29. The Constitution shall be written, reviewed or amended by members of the press and a copy made available to the Senate.
- 30. The provisions of the press Constitution must not in any way conflict with the Constitution of the *Association*. Any provision of the press Constitution that is inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution shall be null and void to the extent of its inconsistency.

Funding of the Press

- 31. The Editors-in-Chief of each of the press organizations shall submit an annual budget to the Senate through the Public Relations Officer.
- 32. The Treasurer shall disburse the amount as approved by the Senate.
- 33. The Editor-in-Chief shall submit an account on the expenditure of the approved budget before the end of the Executive year.

Appointment or removal of Editorial Board members

- 34. Members of the Editorial Board shall be elected/appointed or removed by members of the press organization in accordance with the press Constitution.
- 35. Without prejudice to the provision of 34 above, Editorial Board member(s) may be removed by the Senate in the following situations:
 - (a) If the Senate gets complaint(s) that a particular member(s) of the Editorial Board is violating the *Association's* Constitution despite a previous caution, the Senate shall recommend his/ her removal to the press.
 - (b) Any press organization whose leadership is found to be involved in act(s) that violates the *Association* shall be cautioned by the Senate after proper investigation. However, if the Editorial Board is found to continue with such act(s), the Senate shall dissolve the Board by

a vote of two-third majority of a properly constituted meeting.

(c) In the event of dissolution of an Editorial Board by the Senate, a new board shall be constituted by the press within two weeks with other members who must be members of the dissolved Board.

36. No member of the press shall be victimized or punished based on his publications on the press board. The Editor-in-Chief must ensure that none of the press publications conflict with the objective of the *Association* as provided in article II of the constitution.

Dokita editorial Board

37. Shall be made up of members of the *Association* who have satisfied the requirement of the Board and been granted admission.

38. Shall publish Dokita the *Association's* annual Journal.

39. Shall be financially and administratively independent of the *Association*.

40. Shall submit an annual report on the publication of the Dokita Journal to the Senate after her Annual General Meeting (AGM).

41. Elections or appointments into the office of the Board shall be in accordance with her Constitution. However, the Senate shall be informed in writing of such elections or appointments.

42. The Executive shall be notified of the activities of the Board and the *Association* must be officially represented at such activities.

43. The Executive shall include the Dokita Journal in the welfare package of the *Association* on recommendation by the welfare Committee after deliberation with the Dokita Editorial Board towards an agreed price and subject to Senate ratification.

44. The President or his/her representative shall attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Board.

45. The Constitution of the *Association* shall be independent of the Dokita Constitution. However in the event of any inconsistency, any provision of the Dokita Constitution, to the extent of its inconsistency shall not be considered binding on the *Association*.

Discipline

46. The highest level of accountability is expected of all members of the Editorial Boards of the publications.

Article XXVII Standing Committees

1. There shall be for the *Association* the following standing committee.

(a) Publications committee

(b) Finance committee

(c) Welfare committee

- (d) Academics committee
 - (e) Sports committee
 - (f) Projects committee
2. All the committee in section (1) above shall be constituted not later than four weeks after the inauguration of a new Executive in accordance with the Constitution.

Publications Committee

- 3. Shall consist of the Public Relations Officer as chairman, Editors-in-Chief of the UIMSA press organizations and Dokita Editorial Board and five other members of the *Association* appointed by the PRO and ratified by the Senate.
- 4. Shall have power to register new publications of the *Association*.
- 5. Shall ensure the maintenance of high standards of publications.
- 6. Shall receive and act on complaints on any edition of the *Association's* publication from members of the *Association*.
- 7. Shall have power to recommend members of the Editorial Boards of the *Association's* publications and writers for the *Association's* publications to the Senate for disciplinary actions when necessary.

Finance Committee

- 8. Shall consist of the Financial Secretary as chairman, treasurer and a number of members to be determined and appointed by the Executive Council and ratified by the Senate.
- 9. Shall be responsible for the generation of funds for the *Association*.
- 10. Shall perform all such other functions as are allocated to it under other article of this Constitution.

Welfare Committee

- 11. The welfare committee shall comprise the following members:
- 12. The President and one other Executive.
- 13. The Senate Chairman.
- 14. The Congress Chancellor.
- 15. All majority leaders of the senate and class representative of 100 level.
- 16. A representative of the Dokita Editorial Board.
- 17. Shall be headed by the President.
- 18. Shall meet at least four times with an Executive year.
- 19. Shall coordinate the organization of transport and other welfare services provided by the *Association*, college or the university.

20. Shall have the power to enact and implement policies bordering on the welfare of the members of the *Association*.

Academic Committee

21. Members to be appointed by the Special Duties Officers (SDOs) and ratified by the Senate.
22. Shall be responsible for the organization of all academic activities of the *Association*.
23. Shall be responsible for the organization of Demonstration classes in the Pre-clinical section of the College.
24. Shall be responsible for planning and procuring a good academic environment for the students.

Sports Committee

25. Shall consist of the Secretary as Chairman and a number of members to be determined and appointed by the Chairman of the committee and ratified by the Senate.
26. Shall assist the Sports Secretary in discharging his duties and other such functions that may be allocated him.

Projects Committee

27. The committee shall be headed by the Financial Secretary of the *Association* with one of the Special

Duties Officers as the secretary. Other members of the committee shall be appointed by the Senate.

28. The committee shall be responsible for:
 - (a) The day to day running of any business venture which the *Association* may establish.
 - (b) Shall supervise and/or execute long term projects which the *Association* may embark upon.
29. Shall outlive Executive Council tenures although the head shall always be the incumbent Financial Secretary of the *Association*.

Adhoc Committee: The ad hoc committee of the *Association* shall include:

30. **Audit committee:** This shall be constituted by the Senate, to consist of seven (7) members with terms of reference and composition to be determined by the Senate.
31. **Awosika Annual Symposium Planning Committee:** This shall be constituted, and headed by the General Secretary and ratified by the Senate.
32. **Health Week Planning Committee:** to be constituted by the executive council and ratified by the Senate. The Vice President shall be the head of the committee.
33. **Inventory committee:**
 - (a) Shall consist of chairman and a number of members to be determined and appointed by the Senate.

- (b) Shall have power to take inventory of all the *Association's* material assets.
 - (c) Shall take an inventory of the *Association's* property by two weeks of inauguration and by final audit of the *Associations'* accounts and present to the Senate.
 - (d) Shall perform other functions as prescribed by other parts of this Constitution.
34. Any other Adhoc committee set up by the Executive or the Senate as deemed fit.

Committee Byelaws

35. Standing and Adhoc committee set up under the provisions of this Constitution shall have the power to make bye-laws for the efficient discharge of their duties subject to the approval of the Senate.
36. Approved bye-laws made by any such bodies subject to the provisions of this Constitution shall be made public to the members of the *Association*.

Article XXVII Interpretation

- 1. In the event of any doubt arising as to the correct interpretation of any of the clauses of this Constitution, the congress shall have the power to determine an interpretation for the clause and this interpretation shall be final and binding on all members of the *Association*.
- 2. In this Constitution, unless otherwise expressly stated

- (a) 'He' 'him' and 'his' shall refer to both male and female if the sex of the person being referred to cannot be determined from the context.
- (b) 'Class' means students at the same stage of their training in this College of Medicine.
- (c) 'Congressman' refers to both male and female members of the Congress if the sex of the person being referred to cannot be determined from the context.
- (d) 'Executive' means the Executive Council.
- (e) 'Semester' means the Academic semester' a division of the academic' session as approved by the Senate of the University of Ibadan and indicated in the University calendar.

Article XXVII Amendment of the Constitution

- 1. The *Association* shall have the power to amend her Constitution. No amendment of this Constitution shall be valid unless passed by a two-third (2/3) majority of the entire membership of Senate present at a meeting called for that purpose and subsequently ratified by the Congress of the *Association* by a two-third (2/3) majority of the entire membership.
- 2. A copy of the Constitution in force for the time being shall be lodged with the Provost, the staff adviser(s) as well as the *Association's* Bankers who shall be duly informed of any amendments made to the Constitution.

Article XXIX Effective date of Constitution

This Constitution shall become operative and be regarded as the Constitution of the University of Ibadan Medical Students' *Association* Immediately it has been adopted by the Senate and ratified by the congress.

Definitions

NIMSA Nigerian Medical Students' *Association*.

FAMSA Federation of African Medical Students' *Association*.

IFMSA International Federation of Medical Students' *Association*.