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## THE CONSTITUTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS CHAMBERS (2018)

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## **PREMEABLE**

WE THE ENTIRE MEMBERS of Human Rights Chambers of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin (hereinafter referred to as “the chambers”)

**FLOWING from** the provision of section 40(2) Of the Law Students’ Society (LSS) constitution which empowers the chambers to conduct their own affairs subject to the provision of the society:

**GUIDED** by our vision to nurture members into sound human rights advocates, venerable jurists and intelligent, universally acknowledged scholars who will man the commanding heights of the legal realm in years to come:

**RECOGNIZING** our mission to equip members with the in – depth knowledge of the application of the tools of the noble profession through constant meetings, workshops and seminars, lecture and interactive sessions, quiz, oratory, moot and mock trial competition:

**RE-ECHOING** our long standing custom of protecting and promoting human rights while propagating the principles of fairness, equity, natural justice and good conscience through the instruments of advocacy, brilliancy and academic excellence:

**DO HEREBY** ordain and give to ourselves the following constitution:

## **ARTICLE 1: NAME, MOTTO AND SLOGAN**

1. The name of the Chambers as created by the law Students Society Constitution shall be “The Human Rights Chambers.”
2. The motto of the Chamber shall be sed quare public juris which means “prepare to protect public interest”, and it shall so appear on all correspondences and instrument of the Chambers.
3. The slogan of the Chamber shall be “ubi jus” and the response shall be “ibi remedium” which mean “where there is a right “and there is a remedy” respectively.

## **ARTICLE 2: SUPREMACY CLAUSES**

1. This constitution is supreme and its provision shall have biding force on all members and officers of the chambers at all times.

2. If any directive or policy is inconsistent with any provision of this constitution, that other directive or policy shall be null and void to the extent of its inconsistency and this constitution shall prevail.
3. This constitution is however subject to the provisions of the constitution of the Law Students' Society (LSS) and the overriding policies of the society.

### **ARTICLE 3: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The aims and objectives of the Chambers shall be:

1. To preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the Chambers.
2. To defend and uphold the interest of members of the Chambers by creating a good relationship between the student members and lawyers or judges so as to make for proper nurturing, motivation and mentoring.
3. To promote and sustain advocacy, brilliancy and to evolve a culture of academic excellence among members.
4. To organize programmes such as oratory contests, debates, moot and mock trial competitions which will serve as a forum through which members can be trained in the practice of how to practice law.
5. To promote and protect human and people's rights through periodic public lectures where human rights issues will be treated.
6. To create a forum for the freedom of thought, expression and association.

7. To create and promote socio-political and cultural awareness amongst members.
8. To uphold the principles of fairness, equity and justice in its programmes and activities.
9. To promote and defend the image of the legal profession.
10. To cooperate with other Chambers in the faculty and the Law Students' Society in giving efficient and effective leadership to the entire students.

#### **ARTICLE 4: FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

1. The chamber shall at least once in a semester organize moot, mock, quiz competitions and any intellectual program for the fresher.
2. The chambers shall pay a courtesy visit to matrons/patrons of the chambers at least twice in a semester.
3. The office of the Attorney General shall at least release publications on law tips and other legal related matter weekly.
4. That the financial secretary shall publish the statement of the account of the chambers at the end of each the month.
5. The organizing secretary shall organize picnic for the fresh students to show a sense of belonging.
6. As part of its programmes, the chambers shall organize a Chambers courtesy visit to a superior court of record at least once in a semester.

## **ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP, PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Every member must be a duly matriculated undergraduate student of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin.
2. Such member must have purchased, filled and submitted the membership form in the prescribed mode.
3. A procurement fee which shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Council subject to the ratification of the House shall be charged for the membership form referred to in 2 above.
4. Provided that all those who have otherwise become members of the Chambers before this constitution comes into force shall be deemed members under this constitution and shall be registered by the Deputy Registrar.
5. A fresh law student shall, if he so wills, automatically become a member, if he emerges first, second or third in any competition organized by the Chambers for fresh law students.
6. A member shall;
  - (1) Use the facilities provided and recognized by the Chambers.
  - (2) Pay the Chambers' dues as may be specified by the Executive Council of the Chambers and ratified by the House.
  - (3) Be eligible to vote and voted for in any approved election or convention of the Chambers unless otherwise stated in this constitution.

- (4) Be eligible to nominate other members for different positions in the Chambers during the Annual Convention unless otherwise stated in this constitution.
- (5) Attend all meetings; participate in discussions, debates and deliberations.
- (6) Have access to helpful information about the chambers and express his grievances in a formal and polite way.

7. Be a good ambassador of the Chambers and represent her interests diligently, efficiently and in good faith.
8. Conform to the provisions of this constitution and any other regulation or law that may be in force for the purposes of promoting the good name of the Chambers.
9. Be provided with a copy of this Constitution upon the payment of the prescribed sum specified by the Executive Council and ratified by the House.
10. Discharge any lawful and reasonable duties that may be assigned to him by the Executive Council or the House from time to time to the best of his ability.
11. Have access to other privileges and carry out responsibilities that might arise in the future.
12. Shall, if in breach of any provision of this Constitution, bear any sanction awarded by the House in respect of such breach.
13. Only financial members shall;
  - (1) Have the right to vote and be voted for in any approved election or convention of the Chambers.

(2) Vote in any action or decision to be taken which requires the votes of members of the Chambers.

(3) Be eligible to nominate other members for different positions in the Chambers.

(4) Have the right to requisition an emergency meeting.

Provided that every member must have paid the Annual Due/or before the last working day of the sixth week of resumption for every session.

## **ARTICLE 6: FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP**

A member shall forfeit his membership if he;

1. Registers or allows himself to be registered as a member of another Chambers; or
2. Willfully violates any of the provisions of this constitution or falsifies any document or facts which is of material value to the activities or interests of the Chambers and refuses to make amends or comply with sanctions; or
3. Revokes his membership in writing or by words of mouth does not retract such revocation within a reasonable period of time; or
4. Fails to pay the Chambers' annual due as fixed by the Executive Council and approved by the House for two consecutive sessions; or

5. Fails to attend at least 40% of the Chambers' meetings for a session without cogent and verifiable reason(s); or
6. Fails to pay allegiance to the Chambers.

## **ARTICLE 7: THE HOUSE AND ITS POWERS**

1. The General assembly of all members of the Chambers shall hereinafter be referred to as "the House"
2. The general assembly in 1 above shall be conducted with an agenda containing pending issues and all other recommendations for discussion as formulated by the Executive Council and ratified by the House.
3. A member of the House shall be referred to as "Activist".
4. The house shall have power to dismiss any executive officer of the Chambers, if in the opinion of the House; the executive officer is guilty of gross misconduct and/or dereliction of duty.
5. Such dismissal in 5 above shall be by voice vote or secret ballot as demanded by the two-thirds (2/3) majority of the House.
6. The House, by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority, shall have the power to reverse decision of the Executive Council.
7. A 'point of order' can be raised by any member of the House if he believes the meeting is proceeding incorrectly. When a member raises point, he must be recognized.

8. A 'point of clarification' can be raised by any member of the House to ask a question of clarification of the comments of either the Lord Activist or another speaker.
9. A 'point of personal privilege' can be raised by any member of the House if he feels that his ability to participate is being compromised by something.
10. Only those members recognized and given permission by the Lord Activist to speak shall stand-up to contribute at the general meeting of the House.
11. A member who intends to contribute shall raise his hand and state the issue on which he intends to contribute.
12. It shall be at the discretion of the Lord Activist to limit speaking turns, and to allow for those members who have not spoken to speak.
13. A member so granted permission to speak shall before making his contribution say "Ubi jus" and the rest of the House shall respond "Ibi remedium".
14. It shall be the collective duty of all members of the House present in any meeting in Article 11 below to ensure quietude, tranquility and orderliness, by jointly and severally maintaining absolute silence, politeness and calmness in the course of addressing any issue that arises in any such meeting.

## **ARTICLE 8: ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICES**

The following offices are hereby established for the Chambers:

1. Lord Activist

2. Deputy Lord Activist

3. Registrar

4. Deputy Registrar

5. Attorney-General

6. Solicitor-General

7. Financial Secretary

8. Public relations Officer I

9. Public relations Officer II

10. Organizing Secretary

## **ARTICLE 9: FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

### **1. THE LORD ACTIVIST**

(1) The Lord Activist shall be the first member, head of the Chambers and the Head of the Executive Council.

(2) He shall preside over all meetings of the Chambers.

(3) He shall be the chief spokesman of the Chambers subject to other provisions of this Constitution.

(4) May, subject to the provisions of this constitution, delegate authority to competent members and/or committees of the Chambers.

(5) He shall jointly with the Financial Secretary be signatory to the Chambers' financial accounts, cheques and vouchers.

(6) He shall jointly with the Dean of the Faculty of Law be signatory to any certificate to be awarded by the Chambers.

(7) He shall coordinate and supervise all aspects of the Chambers' activities.

(8) He shall supervise, harmonize and coordinate the activities of all committees of the Chambers.

(9) He shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his office according to the provisions of this constitution.

(10) Provided that only a member of the Chambers with versed experience and integrity with a minimum CGPA of 3.5 may be appointed as Lord Activist.

(11) Shall have a minimum experience of two sessions with the Chambers.

(12) Shall at the time of election be in a minimum class of 300 Level.

(13) Provided that only a member with at least 50% attendance shall be eligible to be voted for as the Lord Activist.

## 2. DEPUTY LORD ACTIVIST

(1) Shall advice and assist the Lord Activist in his duties.

(2) Shall deputize the Lord Activist in his absence.

- (3) Shall be a female member where the Lord Activist is a male member and shall be a male member where the Lord Activist is a female member.
- (4) Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his office according to the provisions of this constitution.
- (5) Shall assume the office of the Lord Activist when the latter ceases to be in office; and another Deputy Lord Activist shall be appointed under this constitution subject to the provision of (3) above.
- (6) Provided that only a member of the Chambers with experience and integrity with a minimum CGPA of 3.0 may be appointed as Deputy Lord Activist.
- (7) Provided that only a member with at least 50% attendance shall be eligible to be voted for

### 3. REGISTRAR

- (1) Shall be responsible for the general duties of the Secretariat of the Chambers.
- (2) Shall be the custodian of the Roll, which shall contain the name of every duly registered member of the Chambers.
- (3) Shall conduct and deal with all official correspondences of the Chambers and shall take minutes of the meetings of the Chambers.
- (4) Shall cooperate with the Lord Activist in the discharge of his duties of the Chambers.
- (5) Shall compile a comprehensive report of the activities of the Chambers for the session and

shall afterwards present same to the Chambers at its last meeting.

(6) Shall convene executive and general meetings of the Chambers at the request of the Lord Activist or the Executive members or members as stipulated in this constitution.

(7) Shall keep attendance books, minutes and records of the Chambers' meetings in a regular manner.

(8) Shall in conjunction with the Lord Activist, prepare the agenda for the executive and general meetings.

(9) Shall preside over the meeting in the absence of the Lord Activist and the Deputy Lord Activist.

(10) Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his office according to the provisions of this constitution.

(11) Provided that only a member of Chambers with versed experience and integrity with a minimum CGPA of 3.0 may be appointed as Registrar.

(12) Provided that only a member with at least 50% attendance shall be eligible to be voted for

#### 4. DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(1) Shall be a female member where the Registrar is a male member and shall be a male member where the Registrar is a female member.

- (2) Shall assist the Registrar in his duties and deputize for him in his absence.
- (3) Shall perform any other duty assigned to him by the Registrar.
- (4) Shall assist the Registrar to collect attendance at all chambers meetings.
- (5) Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his office according to the provisions of this constitution.
- (6) Shall assume the office of the Registrar when the latter ceases to be in office due to reason(s) stated in this Constitution; and another Deputy Registrar shall be appointed under this constitution subject to the provision of (1) above.
- (7) Provided that only a member with at least 50% attendance shall be eligible to be voted for

## 5. ATTORNEY-GENERAL

- (1) Shall be responsible for coordinating the Chambers' moot and mock trial competitions.
- (2) Shall be responsible for training members in the practice of how to practice law.
- (3) Shall be responsible for mobilizing members to participate in intra and inter-chambers moot and mock trial competitions.
- (4) He shall, without prejudice to the power of the court, be the chief interpreter of this constitution at all chambers meetings but such interpretation is reversible by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present at that meeting.
- (5) Shall be in charge of any litigation in which the chambers is a party and in that capacity

shall cause legal representation to be made for the Chambers.

- (6) Shall give the report of proceedings and/or outcome of such litigation(s) at the Chambers meetings.
- (7) Shall be the head of the Litigation Bureau which shall consists of the Attorney-General, solicitor general and three other activists as may be selected by the Attorney-General.
- (8) Provided that only a member of the Chambers who is a Students' Union Advocate with versed experience and integrity with a minimum number of five court appearances and must have lead at least one of the said cases, be appointed as Attorney-General.

## 6. SOLICITOR GENERAL

- (1) Shall advice and assist the Attorney General in his duties.
- (2) Shall be the secretary of the Litigation Bureau
- (3) Shall be in charge of the documents of the litigation bureau.
- (4) Shall perform any other duty assigned to him by the Attorney General
- (5) Provided that only a member of the Chambers with versed experience and integrity with a minimum CGPA or GPA of 2.5 may be appointed as the Solicitor General
- (6) The solicitor general shall be appointed by the Attorney general subject to the ratifications of the Lord Activist
- (7) Provided that only a member with at least 30% attendance shall be eligible to be appointed

in the manner specified in (4) above

## 7. FINANCIAL SECRETARY

- (1) Shall prepare vouchers for withdrawal of the Chambers' money as approved by the House and countersigned by the Lord Activist.
- (2) Shall be responsible for preparing the financial records and balance sheets, which shall be presented at the Chambers' meeting for approval.
- (3) Shall present the Chambers' annual budget as may be prepared by the Lord Activist in consultation with other members of the Executive Council to the House for scrutiny and approval.
- (4) Shall present financial reports of the Chambers to the House at the end of every semester.
- (5) May issue the Chambers' certified tickets for social activities, in consultation with the Organizing secretary, as may be directed by the Lord Activist and approved by the House.
- (6) Shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all monies belonging to the Chambers and shall keep a proper account of all income and expenditures.
- (7) Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his office according to the provisions of this constitution.
- (8) Provided that only a member of the Chambers with versed experience and integrity with a minimum CGPA or GPA of 2.5 may be appointed as the Financial Secretary.

(9) Provided that only a member with at least 30% attendance shall be eligible to be voted for

## 8. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER I

(1) Shall cause all information concerning the Chambers activities to be disseminated through all available effective media.

(2) Shall be the custodian of the Chamber's notice board(s).

(3) Shall be the image maker of the Chambers.

(4) Shall serve as the link between the Chambers and the public.

(5) Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his office according to the provisions of this constitution.

(6) Provided that only a member of the Chambers with versed experience and integrity with a minimum CGPA or GPA of 2.5 may be appointed as Public Relations Officer.

(7) Provided that only a member with at least 50% attendance shall be eligible to be voted for

## 9. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER II

(1) Shall advice and assist Public Relatiobs Officer I in his duties.

(2) Shall deputize the Public Relatibns Officer I

(3) Shall perform other functions as may be assigned to him by the Public Relatibns Officer I

(4) Provided that only a member of the Chambers with versed experience and integrity with a minimum CGPA or GPA of 2.5 may be appointed as Public Relations Officer.

(5) Provided that only a member with at least 30% attendance shall be eligible to be voted for

## **10. ORGANIZING SECRETARY**

1. Shall coordinate all social activities of the chambers as proposed by the executive council and approved by the House.
2. Shall make proper arrangement for all excursions undertaken by the chambers.
3. Shall issue the chamber certified tickets for social activities and submit any proceed realized therefrom to the financial secretary within a period of time (2) working days
4. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of his office according to the provisions of this constitution.
5. Provided that only a member of the chambers with versed experience and integrity with a minimum CGPA or GPA of 2.5 may be appointed as organizingsecretary
6. Provided that only a member with at least 30% attendance shall be eligible to be voted for

## **ARTICLE 10: BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. Shall consist of ex-officios of the Chambers
2. Such persons must still be students of the faculty as at the time of their nomination.
3. Members. Shall not at time exceed three (3) in number .
4. Shall have a former lord activist as it head or any other ex-officio in the absence of a

former lord Activist

5. May issue advisory opinion to the lord Activist, the executive council or the entire chamber
6. Members shall be above board at all material times.
7. Shall discharge all other duties that are necessary for the effective performance of their office according to the provision of this constitution.

## **ARTICLE 11: RESIGNATION AND PROCEDURE.**

1. A member of the executive council wishing to resign his appointment shall first do so in writing to the registrar of the chambers who shall then inform the Lord Activist of the development.
2. The Lord Activist shall inform the executive council and the house about the resignation at the meeting following the receipt of such and fresh nomination shall be made to fill the vacant post.
3. Any member of the executive council that resigns shall not parade himself as an officer of the chambers after his resignation but as ordinary member of the chambers.
4. Provided that if the executive wishing to resign is the registrar himself, he shall do so in writing to the deputy registrar.
5. A member wishing to withdraw his membership from the chambers shall do so in writing to the registrar of the chambers who shall in turn inform the lord activist about such withdraw.
6. The lord activist of the chamber shall inform the house about the membership withdrawal at a meeting following the receipt of such letter.

## **ARTICLE 12: SENIOR ACTIVIST OF HUMAN RIGHTS CHAMBERS**

1. There shall be a rank conferred on any Activist of the chambers
2. The rank shall be conferred on any activist who has distinguished himself/herself within the chambers and the faculty.

3. The decision to confer on any Activist the rank of Senior Activist of the chambers shall be made by the Lord Activist subject to the ratification of the House.
4. Such activist must have been an activist for a minimum period of two Academic sessions.

## **ARTICLE 13: MEETINGS**

There shall be General, Emergency and Executive meetings.

### **GENERAL MEETING**

1. The general meetings of the chambers shall be held once or twice a week on a day and at a time stipulated by the executive council and ratified by the house based on what is most convenient for most members. Provided that the meeting may be fixed for once in two weeks where it is not practicable to hold it every week.
2. The general meeting shall be presided over by the lord activist or in his absence, the deputy lord activist or in his absence, the registrar or in the absence of the aforementioned, whoever the house ratifies.
3. The general meeting shall accommodate discussion of the daily and general business of the chambers and other issues for the progress and development of the chambers and its members.
4. The general meeting shall be convened by the registrar as may be directed by the lord activist.
5. The public relations officer shall notify the members about the general meeting, through any available effective medium, at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting.
6. The duration of the general meeting shall be fixed by the executive council and ratified by the house

### **EXECUTIVE MEETING**

1. The executive meeting may be convened by the Registrar as directed by the lord activist when the later considers it necessary or if there is request by at least 5 members of the executive of the chambers to that effect.
2. The executive shall be presided over by the lord activist, or in his absence, the deputy

lord activist, or in his absence the registrar.

## QUORUM

1. The quorum at any general meeting or the chambers shall be 10 financial members, or one-third of all duly registered members of the chambers, whichever is lower; provided that quorum may be dispensed with where the meeting has been summoned and adjourned twice on the ground of lack of quorum.
2. The quorum at any emergency meeting of the chambers shall be 10 financial members; provided that quorum may be dispensed with where the meeting has been summoned and adjourned once on the ground of lack of quorum.
3. The quorum at any executive meeting of the chambers shall be 5 members of the executive; provided that quorum may be dispensed with where the meeting has been summoned and adjourned once on the ground of lack of quorum.

## ATTENDANCE

1. Any member of the chamber shall have the right and duty to attend any meeting of the chambers except with a prompt, duly communicated, valid reason.
2. Any member who would not be able to attend any meeting of the chambers must communicate same to the registrar anytime before the commencement of the meeting.
3. The deputy registrar shall collect attendance at all meetings of the chambers and proper record of same shall be kept in the secretariat.

## ARTICLE 14: RULES OF DEBATES.

1. Any member desiring to speak shall rise in his place if called upon and shall simply observe protocol before speaking. If two or more members rise at a time, the lord activist shall determine to whom the precedent shall be given.
2. If the lord activist has occasion to assert his authority, all members of the chambers shall immediately resume to their seats and maintain absolute silence for the lord activist to speak.

3. Debates must be limited to the immediate pending questions. The lord activist shall rule out of order any speaker who fails to adhere to the subject of discussion.

Provided that a point of order shall interrupt a speaker

## **ARTICLE 15: MANNER OF VOTING AT MEETINGS.**

1. Voting at the meetings shall be by show of hands, except if a member presses for a division or the lord activist considers a secret ballot necessary.
2. No member may speak on any question after same has been fully put by the lord activist.
3. A question is 'fully put' when the lord activist has collected the voice of both the 'Ayes and 'Nays'.
4. The result shall be declared by the lord activist stating "the Ayes have it" or "the Nays have it" as the case may be.
5. Any member dissatisfied with the outcome of the procedure in 3 and 4 above may crave the indulgence of the lord activist to put the question on proper vote.
6. This voting shall be conducted by the deputy lord activist or any person assigned by the house in that behalf.

## **ARTICLE 16: ANNUAL CONVENTION.**

### **1. TIME FRAME AND PURPOSE**

- (1) The annual convention of the chambers shall be held towards the end of the second semester of every academic session; not later than two week to the rain semester examination.
- (2) The main purpose of the convention shall be to hand –over power to newly appointed

member of the Executive council.

- (3) After the appointment, the lord activist shall decide the occasion of handing over and swearing-in of the new executive officers.
- (4) Such decision of the lord Activist in (c) above is reversible by the House.

## 2. QUORUM

The quorum at any Annual convention if the Chambers' shall be 25 financial members, or half of all duly registered members of the Chamber, whichever is higher; provided that quorum may be dispensed with in order to meet time frame where the Convention has been summoned and adjourned thrice on the ground of lack of quorum.

## 3. SPECIAL PUBLICITY

- (1) The public relations' Officer shall notify the members about the Annual convention, through any pending questions. The lord Activist shall rule out of order any speaker who fails to adhere to the subject of discussion.
- (2) The notice mentioned in (1) above shall be given in a special manner that no average member of the Law Students' Society could have been reasonably unaware of the Convention.

## 4. MODE OF NOMINATION AND VERIFICATION

- (1) The mode of nomination shall be self nomination by a duly registered member or by another duly registered member.
- (2) When nominations have been made in respect of a post, the Registrar shall promptly check through the Roll and the records, and may also ask few questions or, within a period of one week or thereabout, verify if the nominees have fulfilled the provisions of this constitution.
- (3) In the course of (2) above, any nominee who has not fulfilled the provisions of this constitution shall be disqualified immediately.
- (4) Where all the nominees have not fulfilled the provision of this constitution, fresh valid nominations shall be made and the procedures shall be followed all over.

## 5. PROVISION OF ROLL AND ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The Registrar shall produce the Roll, the attendance register and other records or document in the process of verification mentioned in 4(2) above in order to set the record straight.

### Vote Casting and Appointment

- (1) Where there is only one nominee who has fulfilled the provisions of this constitution, the Lord Activist (or his Deputy or Registrar presiding in that behalf) shall put it into vote and the nominee shall be duly appointed by 'aye' votes of at least 2/3 majority of members present.
- (2) Where there are two or more nominees who have fulfilled the provisions of this constitution, the Lord Activist (or his Deputy or Registrar presiding in that behalf) shall put it into a secret vote and a nominee shall be duly appointed by the vote of simple majority.
- (3) The Lord Activist (or his Deputy or Registrar presiding in that behalf) shall not vote except where there is a tie.

## Article 17: MISCELLANEOUS

### 1. Amendment

- (1) This constitution shall be subject to amendment whenever the Lord Activist receives a proposal for amendment and secures the vote of 2/3 majority of members present at a general meeting, in support of the need for amendment.
- (2) Upon the resolution in (1) above an ad-hoc constitutional review committee shall be constituted.
- (3) Such committee in (2) above shall constitute of two member from 400 level, two member from 300level, two member from 200level and one member from 100 level
- (4) Such committee in (2) above shall be headed by a person who has versed experience and integrity and all the member shall be above board.
- (5) The committee in (2) above shall prepare modalities and procedures for amendment and makes such available on the chambers notice boards.
- (6) The committee in (2) above shall submit the reviewed part(s) of this constitution to the

Lord Activist for further debate and passing into law the House.

(7) The amended Constitution is duly passed if it secures the vote of 2/3 majority of members present in a general meeting of the Chambers.

## 2. Agenda of Programmes for the session

- (1) The lord activist, in constitution with other Members of the executive council, shall draw the agenda of programmes of the Chamber for the session with financial estimates
- (2) The agenda shall be presented to the House for approval in not later than the second general meeting of the Chambers.
- (3) Provided that an amendment may be made to the approved agenda by the Executive Council when the occasion arises if such amendment is ratified by the House.

## 3. Motions

Special motions that may be moved at a meeting of the Chambers are

### (1) Motion to Split the Question

If there are multiple issues addressed in a single motion, a motion to split the question may be moved so that each issue is addressed and voted on separately.

### (2) Motion to Call the Question

If a member of the House feels that an issue has been adequately debated upon for the House to move to a vote, a motion to call the question may be moved.

### (3) Motion to Adjourn

When there is no further business to be discussed, the Lord Activist or any one serving in that capacity, may call for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

(4) All motion must have a mover and a seconder.

#### 4. Oaths

##### (1) Oath of Office for Executive Members

I..... do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Human Rights Chambers; that as the ..... of this noble Chambers, I will discharge my duties faithfully, honestly and to the best of my abilities.

So help me God.

##### (2) Oath of Membership for New members

I, ..... do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Human Rights Chambers; that I shall be a good ambassador of the Chambers and do everything within my capacity to maintain, promote and protect its good name.

So help me God

## 5. Interpretation Section

“the House” means the whole body of the entire members as represented by members present in any of the general or emergency meeting or the Annual Convention and any decision of the House is to be made by the two-thirds(2/3) majority.

“Court” includes the Law Students’ Society Court and the Students’ Union Judiciary

“Financial member” means a member who has paid the Chambers’ due for the current session as specified by the Executive Council of the Chambers and as ratified by the House.

“Gross misconduct” in this section means any act or conduct which, in the opinion of the House, violates the provisions and/or the intent of this Constitution.

“He”, “his” or “himself” includes “she”, “her” or “herself” except where it is otherwise stated.

“Mover” means a person who moves a motion.

“CGPA” means Cumulative Grade points Average; and it applies to members in 200 Level or above at the time of appointment which is the material time.

“GPA” means Grade Points Average; and it applies to members in 100 level or above at the time of appointment which is the material time.

“Ratification” means approval or confirmation by two-thirds (2/3) majority or members present in a meeting.

## 6. Citation

This constitution shall be cited as "Constitution of The Human Rights Chambers 2018"

## 7. Commencement

This constitution shall come into force on a date appointed by the Lord Activist and approved by the House; and its provisions shall be approved by the 2/3 majority of members present at a general meeting;

Provided that this Constitution as at the date of its commencement shall not have any retrospective effect whatsoever.

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**DATED THIS 15th DAY OF AUGUST 2018**

**ABDULAZEEZ MUHAMMAD BASHIR**

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