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Dear Members of the Association,

WHITE PAPER ON THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Sequel to the Disciplinary Committee Report submitted on 11 April, 2023, the Board of Trustees (BOT) have taken the following decisions:

- 1. We hereby dissolve the National Executive Council (NEC) with immediate effect. This decision is backed by Article 9, section G, subsection vi and Article 9, section G, subsection 3 of the Association constitution, and based on the following reasons;
- a. Disobeying the instructions of the BOT not to embark on the campus tour by members of the NEC despite declared reasons given not to do so;
- b. Disobeying the instructions of the BOT not to withdraw funds from the Association's Polaris Bank account until further deliberations were carried out on the state of the account;
- c. Transferring funds of the Association to officers within the NEC without BOT approval; and
- d. Receiving funds from the University Management without officially informing the BOT to that effect;
- 2. We hereby commence the process to put a POST-NO-DEBIT on all the accounts operated by the Association. All ongoing plans, projects or programmes of the NEC are hereby placed under suspension until further directives to lift the suspension. All properties of the Association in the custody of any member of the NEC are to be handed over to the staff in the Alumni Secretariat with proper handover notes of items handed over. No withdrawal must be made on any of the Association accounts pending the completion of the PND process.
- 3. We hereby suspend the President, General Secretary, and Legal Adviser from the Association until they can prove beyond reasonable doubt that the funds paid into their accounts were not used for personal reasons. The BOT request the President, General Secretary and Legal Adviser a two-week ultimatum, commencing from the date on this letter, to provide the Trustees with bank statements (only the months in when funds were transferred into their accounts) that were used to retrieve the funds. In the case of the National Treasurer, he is also suspended from the Association with a two-week ultimatum to provide the Trustees with the individual who returned **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND NAIRA** (N100, 000.00) loan to the First Bank account of the Association.

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He is to provide the BOT with all the receipts and source documents for the expenditures made on behalf of the Association. Should the National Treasurer and all alleged fail to comply strictly to this request, the BOT would be left with no choice but to petition the anti-corruption agency in the state on this matter. The Legal Adviser is also compelled within two weeks from the date on this report to return the funds in his custody to the account of the Association if he is yet to do so.

- 4. We hereby postpone the forthcoming Congress/Elections within the timeframe required by the letters of the Association Constitution to hold a fresh one.
- 5. We hereby call for an Online meeting with the members of the Association as soon as the time permits to share ideas on how to chart a way forward for the Association.
- 6. We hereby uphold the nominations of the Electoral Committee, pass a vote of confidence on them and retain its members for the Convention/Election whose new date will be determined and communicated in due course.
- 7. In line with Article 20, section i, we hereby set up a Caretaker Committee (CTC) whose names will be released within seven days. The CTC will be tasked with the following mandates:
- a. Draft a solid Constitution Review with financial and election guidelines.
- b. Set up an Alumni Website/Portal.
- c. Collate a comprehensive database for the Alumni.
- d. Present the External Audit of the Association from 2016 to 2023.
- e. Hold a physical and/or online congress and election within 90 days from the date they are constituted.
- 8. The BOT wish to state that apart from the Disciplinary Committee Report, there are other reasons why some of the conclusions were reached in this report.
- a. Security threats in the buildup to the Convention/Election that are likely to be carried over to the gathering in the now-suspended Convention, causing harm and danger to lives and properties.
- b. The correct interpretation of the Financial membership of the Association, given the fact that the Legal Adviser's advice cannot be completely relied on.
- c. The draconian clause in the current Association Constitution whereby only members who have attended two Congress are eligible to contest, although the Association have held only about three congresses and the total number of persons who have attended such congresses has not been up to 200 out of over 10,000 graduates of our dear Alma Mata. The implication of this, therefore, is that most of the aspirants might stand disqualified from participating in the now-suspended elections.
- d. To also allow suspended NEC members to exonerate themselves, since most of them are recontesting for the same or newer positions in the coming elections, and to show reasons why further disciplinary actions should not be carried out against them.

- e. Finally, to carry out a solid Constitution Review and put a proper structure in place to finally curtail these lapses and avoid some of the above unpleasant scenarios repeating themselves in the future.
- 9. The BOT would also like the members to know that although we are very grateful for the alarm raised by the Petitioners a few weeks ago, an enquiry will be carried out to find out how they were able to get hold of the Association's First Bank Account Statement with sanctions appropriately meted on such a person or group or persons should they be found wanting.
- 10. Also, we want to sound a very serious warning to conservative like-mind members who have put the Association on this trajectory by not handing over to the progressive like-mind members properly and the other younger like-mind members running for positions and newly joining the Association to conduct themselves properly. They are for the umpteenth time warned to shun all forms of hooliganism and uncultured behaviours on the Association's WhatsApp platforms. As graduates and adults, these two characteristics should show in how members handle issues notwithstanding differences in opinions and ideas.
- 11. Finally, since members of the BOT are also human and will always take responsibility for their own failings, we cannot pretend to shield ourselves from the challenges of the current alarming situation the Association finds itself in. In other words, members of this great Association are open to recalling members of the BOT if there is a need to do so at the next Congress to be organised by the CTC.
- 12. We appreciate every member of the Association for their continuous trust and support for us thus far and hope that being eminent graduates of a great institution like ours, we will and can finally get it right sooner than expected.

Thank you.

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