**UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, ENUGU CAMPUS**

**ELECTION INTO STUDENTS’ UNION GOVERNMENT 2017/2018**

**ACADEMIC SESSION**

**GUIDELINES:**

1. **Qualification:** Those qualified to participate in the election exercise are undergraduates, regular students of the University who are registered as students for the current sessions.
2. **Elective Posts:** The elective posts of the Students’ Union Government are as follows:
3. **Students’ Union Executive Council (SUG) which consists of;**
4. President
5. Vice-President
6. Secretary General
7. Assistant Secretary General
8. Treasurer
9. Financial Secretary
10. Information Officer
11. Welfare Officer
12. Director of Socials
13. Director of Transport
14. Director of Games

1. **JUDICIAL COUNCIL (ELECTION OF CHIEF JUDGE)**
2. **The Legislative Houses** which consists of:
3. **The Senate:**

 The Senatorial Districts are delineated in faculties. The number of

 Senatorial seats allotted to each faculty which is based on equal

 representation from Nsukka and Enugu campuses are as follows:

**ENUGU CAMPUS:**

Faculty of Business Administration -- -- -- -- -- -- 3

Faculty of Environmental Studies -- -- -- -- -- -- 3

Faculty of Health Sciences and Technology -- -- -- -- -- 3

Faculty of Law -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- 3

Faculty of Medical Sciences -- -- -- -- -- -- -- 3

Faculty of Dentistry -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- 3

Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences -- -- -- -- -- -- 3

The elections into the Senate will be conducted in the faculties. Only students in a particular faculty can vie for the available seats in that faculty.

Candidates for senatorial seats shall be students who have spent at least one full academic year in the University.

1. The House of Representatives constituencies are delineated into departments. The number of seats allotted to each department at Enugu campus will reflect its populations as follows:
2. **FACULTY OF BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES**
* Department of Anatomy 2 Seats
* Department of Physiology 2 Seats

 Total 4

1. **FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
* Department of Accountancy 3 Seats
* Department of Banking and Finance 2 Seats
* Department of Management 3 Seats
* Department of Marketing 2 Seats

 Total 10

1. **FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**
* Department of Architecture 2 Seats
* Department of Estate Management 2 Seats
* Department of Geoinformatic and Surveying 1 Seat
* Department of Urban and Regional Planning 1 Seat

Total 6

**d) FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY**

* Department of Medical Lab. Sciences 3 Seats
* Department of Medical Rehab. 2 Seats
* Department of Medical Radiography 2 Seats
* Department of Nursing Sciences 3 Seats

 Total 10

 e) The following faculties are treated as constituting different House of

Representatives constituencies because students do not belong to separate

departments.

* Faculty of Law 8
* Faculty of Medical Sciences 6
* Faculty of Dentistry 4

 Candidates vying for seats in the Senate and House of Representative shall

 be students who have spent at least one full academic year in the University.

 D. **The Hall Government –** which consists of the following

1. The Hall Governor
2. The Deputy Hall Governor
3. The Hall Secretary -
4. The Hall Welfare Officer
5. The Hall Financial Secretary
6. The Hall Games Captain

The election into Hall Government will be conducted in the Hall of Residence and only Students residing in the Halls legitimately will be allowed to vote and be voted for.

Candidates for offices in the Hall Government shall be students who have spent at least one full academic year in the University. See 4a below.

3. **Electoral Regulations:**

**a)** All candidates for election into the Hall Government shall be nominated by at least five (5) duly registered members of the hall.

b) All candidates for election into the Students’ Union Executive shall be nominated by at least ten (10) duly registered members of the Union, two of whom shall come from the candidate’s faculty.

c) A candidate for election into Students’ Union Executive Council shall be resident on campus, and must remain so throughout the period of his/her stewardship if he/she is elected.

d) i. Candidates for election into the Senate or House of Representatives shall be nominated by at least five (5) duly registered members of the Union from the candidate’s District/Constituency.

 ii. Candidates for the Senate or House Representatives shall come from the faculty/department that constitutes his/her district or constituency.

e) The period of campaigning for any election shall not exceed one week.

f) There shall be a manifesto day where all the candidates for the various offices of the Executive Council shall present their manifestoes.

g) Expenditure by the candidates shall be kept at the barest minimum and shall involve only the production of black and white hand bills, posters and manifestoes. The use of other campaign materials including flex banners and motor vehicles, are strictly prohibited.

 h) There shall be no political party system. All elections shall be strictly

 on independent candidature.

i) A list of all cleared candidates shall be made public on the date of the lifting of the ban on electioneering campaigning or as soon as possible thereafter.

j) All electioneering campaign shall stop at 11.00pm on the day preceding an election.

 k) Voting shall be by secret ballot.

l) Counting of votes shall commence immediately after the polling and the result shall be announced by the chairman of University of Nigeria Electoral Commission (UNECO) immediately after the counting of votes.

m) A candidate for an election to any office shall be deemed to have been duly elected into such an office.

 i. Where there is only one candidate, validly nominated for the union election after nomination has closed, such a candidate will be returned unopposed.

 ii. Where there are two or more candidates for the election, the candidate who scores a simple majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be deemed to have been duly elected.

 iii. Where there is a tie, the candidates involved should go for re-run.

**Disqualification from Standing for Election/Holding Union Office:**

No person shall be qualified for election or holding Union Office if He/She

1. Is a first year or final year student or an industrial attached/field trip. However in the case of hall government election where a hall is inhabited whole by first or final year students then they will qualify for elections,
2. Is on academic or disciplinary probation;
3. Is a member of UNECO judicial council or court of Appeal of the Union
4. A member of the students’ union caretaker government;
5. Has a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of less than 3.50;
6. Is a member of any registered political party in the country;
7. Has overstayed his/her stipulated number of years for graduation;
8. Is in the judgment of the electoral commission, a member of any organization unacceptable to the university;
9. Has been found guilty of dishonesty, abuse of office or other serious misconduct by the University administration;
10. Is in the judgment of the Electoral Commission a person unfit to hold any office in the students’ union government.
11. Has been convicted of a criminal offence by a court of competent jurisdiction
12. Candidates who are vying for elective positions or who are nominating candidates for election should attach photocopies of the current session’s online receipts for consolidated fees and receipts for two previous sessions to their Nomination Forms. Candidates are also required to attach photocopies of Online Course Registration for the current session, endorsed by the academic adviser.
13. Candidates should submit affidavit sworn at the Enugu High Court declaring non-membership of any cult.
14. Engaging in violent campaign disqualifies a candidate
15. Any candidate who has been involved in accommodation scandal will be disqualified.
16. Candidates who deface the Campus Environment and Walls with posters, graffiti and paintings instead of posting them on Notice Boards only would be disqualified.
17. Any candidate who displays campaign posters before the authorized date would be disqualified.
18. The use of University of Nigeria Logo is prohibited in handbills or posters.

**ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL**

There shall be an Electoral tribunal.

The Electoral Tribunal shall have power to:

1. Hear and determine all petitions relating to the conduct of elections of the Students’ Union;
2. Such petition shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Electoral tribunal not later than two (2) days after the election;
3. All matters relating to election petition shall be heard and disposed of not later than 14 (Fourteen) days of receipt of such petitions;
4. The decision of the /electoral Tribunal shall be final;
5. Any candidate whose election is being contested at the tribunal hall not be sworn in until the petition is disposed of by the Tribunal.

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