

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMUNITY OF
TIV STUDENTS (C.T.S)**

**MAKURDI COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND
MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE,
MAKURDI BENUE STATE**

MOTTO:

“PEACE IS OUR CONCERN”

PREAMBLE

We the entire members of the community of Tiv students, Makurdi college of Health and Medical Laboratory Science chapter having individually and collectively agreed to provide for ourselves a constitution for the purpose of bringing about and sustaining a good government and welfare of the members of the community based on freedom of fair play and the purpose of consolidating the unity, cooperation and understanding among members do hereby enact the Constitution.

INTRODUCTION

A constitution is a vital document that every association, union club, community, society, nation and country should have. It is also a document that every members of the community, society or nation or nation should find handy.

ARTICLE 1: SECTION: GENERAL PROVISIONS

SUB-SECTION 1: NAME

The constitution shall be known, called and addressed as the Community of Tiv Students, Makurdi College of Health and Medical Laboratory Science Chapter.

SUB-SECTION 2: MOTTO

Peace is our concern

SUB-SECTION 3: SUPREMACY

This constitution is supreme among members of the Tiv Community, and its provision is binding on all members of the community.

SUB-SECTION 4: AMENDMENT

This constitution shall be amended by only the officials of the community.

SUB-SECTION 5: PATRON(S)

The Patron shall be a lecturer in the school or any person outside approved by the school must be a native of Tiv. He shall have the right to mediate, arbitrate and recon-ciliate on any issue that threatens the existence of the community. He is not a member of the executive council.

SUB-SECTION 6: ADVISER(S)

The community may have an adviser or more who must be a lecturer(s) approved by the school and shall have the duty of supervising the activities of the

community and from time to time render advise and make recommendations where and when necessary. He or she is not a member of the executive council.

ARTICLE 2: SECTION 1: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- i. To keep the tradition and culture of members
- ii. To promote mutual understanding among all Tiv students in the college.
- iii. To enhance and promote peace and unity in Makurdi College of Health and Medical Laboratory Science, Makurdi.
- iv. To promote unity, peace and culture in diversity
- v. To promote the status and welfare of the members of the community.
- vi. To promote understanding between lectures and members of the community.

ARTICLE 3: SECTION 3: GENERAL ACTIVITIES

SUB-SECTION 1: WELCOME PARTY

The Community of Tiv Students shall have a welcome party whenever new Tiv students are admitted in the college.

SUB-SECTION 2: SENDOFF PARTY

The community shall be having a sendoff party whenever members are graduating from the college. Every member is entitled to free will donations.

SUB-SECTION 3: INVITATIONS WITHIN THE SCHOOL

The community shall be attending various ceremonies as may be invited by various individuals or chapters within the school. Every member is entitled to a free will donation.

SUB-SECTION 4: INVITATION OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

The community shall be attending various events outside the school such as; marriages, as may be invited by the community members and support for such events shall be by free will donation.

SUB-SECTION 5: DEATH OF A MEMBER'S PARENT

If any member of the Community of Tiv Students loses his or her parent, attendance is NOT compulsory and member may make a free will donation in sympathy.

SUB-SECTION 6: DEATH OF A MEMBER

If any member of the community dies, attendance is necessary and all members are entitled to a donation of Two Hundred Naira (200) only in sympathy with the family of the deceased student.

SECTION 2: TIV DAY

The Community of Tiv Students shall be organizing and celebrating Tiv Day in the school premises. This celebration shall be done annually and the EXCO will sponsor the event.

SECTION 3: STAFF WELFARE

SUB-SECTION 1: CELEBRATION

All Tiv staff in the College are Patrons of the community, therefore, if any member of staff is holding a feast such as Marriage and child birth celebrations, students and other Tiv members of staff shall contribute voluntarily in cash or in kind.

Any chapter in the college that has chooses a date for its celebration shall submit a letter to the executive committee in writing stating the activities of the day for at least 14 days before the stated date. Approval must be obtained before any event.

The Community shall take sole responsibility for selecting and screening of contestant in any chapter during such celebration.

Any chapter that is involved in any celebration shall take full charge of the community welfare as decided by the community and the chapter's EXCO.

SUB-SECTION 2: GRIEVE

- i. If any member of staff whose family member dies such as mother, father, husband/wife or child all members of the community are to render a monetary donation as free will.
- ii. If any member of the staff dies, or is severely sick, all members are entitled to a monetary donation voluntarily.

SECTION 3: MEETING

The community shall be holding a general meeting once in every month and all emergency meetings shall be held as will be announced by the executive council.

ARTICLE 4: SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP AND OBLIGATION

Membership shall be opened and compulsory for duly admitted Tiv students of Makurdi College of Health and Medical Laboratory Science, Makurdi.

SUB-SECTION 2: REGISTRATION

The registration shall be N200 and dues is however be N100 per month. For a student to become a fully registered member of the Community of Tiv students such student must be an indigene of Tiv land and shall fill a registration form of N200 only. The annual dues per students shall be 1,200 Naira only.

ARTICLE 5: SECTION 1: PRIVILEGE

SUB-SECTION 1: VOTING

Members shall have the privilege to vote and be voted for in the community's election except the junior students who have not written any examination in the school or been matriculated, such students can only vote but shall not be voted for in any post.

SUB-SECTION 2: SELECTION OF A-TOR

The selection of Tor-Tiv and Wan Beagha shall strictly be on zoning based on the six (6) clans in Tiv land. They will be voted in office by u-Ter and the Dean. The Provost or his representative shall supervise the elections. The election will be won by a simple majority.

SUB-SECTION 3: CONTESTANT

Any member of the community is entitled to contest for whatever position of choice during any festive or celebration of any kind that will call for such contest and MUST have paid all dues from the chapter and prescribed fee.

SUB-SECTION 3: 1: CRITERIAL VOTING

Any member that shall be eligible to vote and be voted for shall be a registered member of the community and a registered member from a particular chapter and shall have and present CTS identity card or membership card or both. The voting process shall be strictly on CTS identity card by secret open balloting.

SUB-SECTION 4: ACIVITIES

All executive members participate or attend all activities of the community. These records can officially be reviewed at any time by the executives operate as the

governing body in between session of the general congress and shall derive its power from the provision of the constitution.

SUB-SECTION 1: COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The executive council shall be composed of the following elected officials of the Community of Tiv Students:

1. Tor Tiv (The President)
2. Wan Begha (The vice President)
3. The General Secretary
4. The assistant General Secretary
5. The Financial Secretary
6. The Treasurer
7. The Public Relation Officer (P.R.O)
8. The Social Director or Welfare Officer
9. The Provost Marshal
10. TOR KWASE

SUB-SECTION 2: GENERAL FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. The Executive Council shall meet at once within a month and shall call the general congress meetings at least two times in a semester.

2. The Executive Council shall have power to negotiate for financial and material assistance to promote the activities of the Community of Tiv Students as much as such assistance does not contradict the policies independent and aspirations of the Community of Tiv Students.
3. The Executive Council shall from time to time review the programs of activities with the aim of ensuring that the aims Community of Tiv Students are realized in concrete terms.
4. The Executive Council shall be elected annually and shall work in only one academic.
5. Quorum at the council meeting shall be formed by the President or Vice President and the General Secretary or the Assistant General Secretary.
6. Decisions shall be deemed to have been arrived at by a simple majority vote of members present at a meeting and the present members shall have powers to make decision for the easy running of the Community of Tiv Students as it deems necessary and must not run counter to the provision of the constitution.

SECTION 2: DIVISION OF DUTIES

SUB-SECTION 1:

The President (Tor-Tiv)

- i. The President shall in collaboration with the General Secretary through the P.R.O summon meetings. He/she shall preside over all meetings of the executive and general congress.
- ii. The President shall have the right to overrule in some controversial matters provided such decisions do not hinder the progress of the community.
- iii. He shall coordinate and harmonize effectively all the activities of the Community of Tiv Students.
- iv. He shall coordinate and harmonize effectively the policies adopted by the general congress.
- v. The President shall be a signatory to all financial transactions and other important correspondence or documents of the community.
- vi. The Tor-Tiv (President) shall be elected and shall come from 300 level only.
- vii. The President shall appoint members of special committees on the approval of the Executive Council.
- viii. The President shall be accountable in all matters concerning the community both financially and materially.
- ix. Shall have the presiding authority to know and give directives on matters pertaining the affairs of the various Tiv chapters in the college

provided such directive do not hinder the development of those chapters.

- x. Shall be a member of the Executive Council.

The Vice President (Wan Begha)

- i. He shall assist the President in all his duties and act for him in his absence.
- ii. If the President resigns, the Vice shall automatically act as the President until a bye election is conducted.
- iii. He shall preside over some committees in conformity with the executive council.
- iv. He shall be a member of the executive council.

The General Secretary

- i. The General Secretary shall take care of all the correspondence of the community in consultation with the president.
- ii. Shall take minutes and proceedings and read all minutes of the previous meetings.
- iii. Shall summon meetings through the PRO at the instance of the president.
- iv. Shall be a custodian of all inventories of the community.
- v. Shall compile annual reports of the community's activities for the approval of the general congress. Such report as approved shall be made available to

members within a week from the date of publication are as deem fit by the executives.

- vi. Shall be a member of the executive council.

The Assistant General Secretary

- i. Shall assist the General Secretary in all his or her duties and function in the absence of the General Secretary.
- ii. Shall carry out other duties and functions as may be delegated to him by the executive council.
- iii. Shall be a member of the executive council.

The Financial Secretary

- i. Shall receive all monies and other financial documents due to the community and keep accurate records of same.
- ii. Such money received shall be handed over to the treasurer within forty-eight hours of receipt.
- iii. Shall prepare an annual financial account for auditing by members of the executive council and auditors from the congress.
- iv. Shall prepare and annual financial report to the general congress.
- v. All expenses of the community should be made through him or her.
- vi. Shall be a signatory to the community's finance.
- vii. Shall be a member of the executive council.

The Treasurer

- i. Shall constantly keep all the community's money.
- ii. Shall handle the community's bank books (if any).
- iii. Shall be a signatory to all financial payments and withdrawals.
- iv. Shall make the cashbook available to auditors on demand.
- v. Shall be a member of executive committee.

The Public Relation Officer (P.R.O)

- i. Shall summon the executive council meetings, general meetings and emergency meetings when directed by the general secretary.
- ii. Shall assist the social officer in all social activities.
- iii. Shall act as an intermediary between the community and the public.
- iv. Shall head all committees relating to publications.
- v. Shall publicize the activities of the community through available means in the interest of the community after obtaining the consent of the executives.
- vi. Shall be member of the executive council.
- vii. Shall ensure notices of meetings are known to members of the community at least forty-eight hours to the meeting.
- viii. Shall perform any other duty assigned to him or her by the executives, authorized members when they speak in the congress meeting.

Social Director/Welfare Officer

- i. Shall be responsible for social and welfare programs of the community.
- ii. Shall report problems of members of the community during congress meeting.
- iii. Shall be the chairman of any social committee appointed by the executive council.
- iv. Shall perform any other duty as may be assigned to him or her by the executive council.
- v. Shall be a member of the executive council

The Provost Marshall

- i. Shall maintain peace and order during congress, executive and emergency meetings and during social gatherings.
- ii. Shall recommend any disciplinary measure to the executive council for any member whose behavior is likely to disrupt the progress of the community.
- iii. Shall chairman all disciplinary committees.
- iv. Shall check late coming and absenteeism

The Patron

- i. Shall be a staff or alumnus of the college and **MUST** be appointed by the College.

- ii. Shall not be a member of the executive council but can be in any executive meeting if invited by the executives.
- iii. Shall handle the office for more than one year and shall leave the office as soon as directed by the community.

SECTION 2: CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

SUB-SECTION 1: ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

The executives of the community shall conduct community's election themselves or shall appoint an electoral committee as the case may be. Any member of the community that has been elected/selected as Tor/Torkwase is BANNED from aspiring for any political position in the college.

SUB-SECTION 2: QUALIFICATION FOR CONTESTANTS

- i. All contestants must be registered members of the community.
- ii. All registered members have the right to vote and be voted for provided they all up to date morally and financially.
- iii. The post of the President, General Secretary and Treasurer are for students who are in 300level only, that is, students in 100level and 200level cannot contest for such posts.
- iv. Contestants must be financially up to date.

SUB-SECTION 3: ELECTORAL ASPIRANTS

- i. Aspirants into the offices shall be determined by general election.
- ii. Elections shall involve all members of the committee.
- iii. All contestants shall forward their applications to the electoral committee or officials stating their respective offices.
- iv. Withdrawal of application shall reach the community one week before the election commences.
- v. A candidate stands disqualified if he or she is caught campaigning within unauthorized places.
- vi. Election forms shall be obtainable at a nonrefundable fee as deemed fit by the EXCO.

SUB-SECTION 4: TENURE OF OFFICE

- i. The tenure of every elected official shall be one academic session.

SUB-SECTION 5: RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE

- i. Any official that wishes to re-contest shall resign from the present position two weeks before the election commences.
- ii. All resignation letters shall appear in the agenda of the congress meeting for discussion.
- iii. Before such request is granted, the official must hand over all community's account and property in his or her custody.

iv. The hand-over must be done officially and formally to Executive Council.

SUB-SECTION 6: REMOVAL OF OFFICIAL

- i. In case of any inefficiency, misconduct, mismanagement and other miscellaneous offences; such shall be brought to the knowledge of the congress for discipline and possible removal from office.
- ii. Such removal can be done by the general congress if the offence exceeds advice and warning.

SUB-SECTION 7: BYE ELECTION

- i. If any official of the community vacates before the end of the tenure, such office shall be filled by a bye election.

SECTION 3: OATH OF THE OFFICE

- i. An elected official shall be made to take an oath of allegiance to their offices at the first general meeting of the congress of their election.
- ii. Such an oath shall be administered by the patron or any representative.
- iii. The oath shall read as follows:

I.....do

solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Community of Tiv Students (CTS) of Makurdi College of Health and Medical Laboratory Science chapter. I will discharge all my duties to the best of my abilities, faithfully and in accordance with the constitution of the Community of Tiv Students. I will strive to

reserve the fundamental objectives of the Community of Tiv Students as entrenched in the constitution, that I will not allow personal interest to influence my official conduct. That I will devote myself to the services and wellbeing of the members of the Community of Tiv Students in the college community and the entire society at large, so help me God.

ARTICLE 7: SECTION 1: SOURCE OF REVENUE

SUB-SECTION 1:

The community shall derive her revenue from the following sources:

- i. Individual registration from the various chapters in the college.
- ii. Yearly dues from the various chapters in the college
- iii. Friends of CTS
- iv. Donations

SUB-SECTION 2: MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES

In addition to the above sources, the community shall get revenue from:

- i. Free will donations from members, patron, advisors or person(s) from within and outside the community.
- ii. Proceed gotten from invitation for cultural exhibition or any invitation the community finds necessary or any other legal means.

SUB SECTION 3: EXPENDITURE

The president, financial secretary and the treasurer shall be involved in the day to day financial administration of the community.

ARTICLE 8. SUB SECTION 1 : BANK ACCOUNT

The Community of Tiv Students shall operate a Bank Account with any approved commercial bank in Nigeria.

ARTICLE 9: DEBTORS

SUB-SECTION 1:

All members indebted to the community shall be communicated through writing by the secretary for immediate payment.

SUB-SECTION 2:

Any member indebted shall pay back the community's money owed before he or she is cleared by the community for school functions. If it is a final year student, he or she clears before collecting his/her result and in some cases before writing exams.

ARTICLE 10: GENERAL FINANCIAL RECORDS

For the fact that this community is founded on democratic principle, every member is entitled to know the financial position of the community. The financial secretary is to give such report.

ARTICLE 11: CODE OF CONDUCT

SECTION 1: GENERAL DISCIPLINE

SUB-SECTION 1: LATENESS TO MEETINGS

Any executive member who comes late to the meeting after the reading of previous minutes shall be liable to a fine of fifty Naira (N50) only

SUB-SECTION 2: DISTURBANCE/NOISE MAKING

Any member who disturbs, interrupts or uses abusive or profane language on any member in a general congress meeting shall be made known to the congress through the provost and shall be liable to a fine of one hundred Naira (N100) only.

SUB-SECTION 3: FRENCH LEAVE

Any executive who leaves the meeting before the end without permission from the provost or the president shall be liable to a fine of one hundred Naira (N100) only.

SUB-SECTION 4: ABSENTEEISM

Any executive who fails to attend any meeting without permission shall be liable to a fine of one hundred Naira (N100) only.

SUB-SECTION 5: PAYMENTS

Any member whose activity(ies) is/are lacking with regard to the attendance of meeting or payment shall not be cleared by the community for any reason.

ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENT

SECTION 1:

At a general congress meeting, a proposal to alter, amend or add to the whole or any part of this constitution can be made through a motion dully proposed and supported by two-third majority of the registered members of the community and shall be approved by the dean of students' affairs.

SECTION 2:

Such proposal shall pass through the general secretary in writing or in motion as in section 1 above.

SECTION 3:

The constitution shall be brought to all members of the community during or after registration at an amount agreed by the executive council.

THE PLEDGE

We the entire members of the Community of Tiv Students (CTS), Makurdi College of Health and Medical Laboratory Science chapter having read and understood the provision of this constitution unanimously agree and pledge to uphold and abide by its provision and have therefore empowered the Honorable president (Tor Tiv) and the General Secretary of the Community of Tiv Students (CTS) to endorse it on this..... Day of2024

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PRESIDENT(TORTIV) **GENERALSECRETARY**

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DEAN STUDENTS' AFFAIRS **PROVOST**