

RONGO UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

RUSA ELECTIONS 2020

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES FOR POSTS IN THE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Vacancies:

1. Congress Representative/ Electoral College
2. Executive Council
3. Speaker of Congress

1. General requirements for all contestants

- i. Shall **not** be in the final year of study.
- ii. Shall **not** have less than a credit pass of 60% cumulative average of examination results. A first year student intending to contest should have obtained credit pass (60%) average in the continuous assessment tests(C.A.T) marks
- iii. Shall **not** have been **suspended** from the University at any one time and is of sound mind.
- iv. Shall **not** have been involved in the previous election malpractices.
- v. Shall **not** be a member of Students Electoral Commission.
- vi. Shall **not** have served for two terms in any past regime of the students association or successive students association.
- vii. Must be a member of the Association.
- viii. Must bear a valid Rongo University student's identification and be a registered member of the Association
- ix. Shall have cleared payments of all University fees that are due.

Additional requirements for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

2. Candidates for the post of Chairman/Vice-Chairman shall **MEET** the following additional requirement.
 - i) The Chairperson and Vice chairperson shall contest as a joint ticket persons of opposite genders
 - ii) Shall present a list of signatures of at least 10% of the total number of students from each campus.
 - iii) Both must have completed a **full academic year** in the University.

3. Additional requirements for Speaker

A candidate for the post of **Speaker**, shall meet the following additional requirement:

- I. He/she at the time of election shall not be in **his/her last semester of study or first semester of his/her first year of study.**

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DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES OF OFFICIALS/ORGANS

A. Executive Council(7 Members)

1. Chairperson

- i. Shall be the head of the Executive and preside over the association's meetings.
- ii. Shall summon the Executive meetings.
- iii. Shall be an automatic co-signatory of RUSA bank account and any other negotiable instrument stipulated in the Constitution.
- iv. Shall represent RUSA at the University Council/Senate when necessary and the Disciplinary Committee unless he or she is an affected party or have a special interest, in event of such, the Vice Chairman shall represent him or her.
- v. Shall give an opening address to the Congress in the first meeting after every election.
- vi. Shall be the spokesperson of RUSA.
- vii. Shall remain a symbol of unity to the RUSA.
- viii. Shall represent the Executive Council, Congress and RUSA at national and international levels.
- ix. Shall assent to all the bills passed by Congress.
- x. Shall ensure proper and cordial relations among various organs of RUSA and University Administration.

2. Vice Chairperson

- i. To deputize the Chairman in his or her absence or as shall assign.
- ii. The representative of the Executive in the Congress.
- iii. In conjunction with club officials coordinators, liaise with the Dean of Students on the activities of registered clubs/movements/associations.
- iv. In liaison with the Dean of Students, organize students leadership or training programs.
- v. To work in close liaison with the office of chief Security officer and head of hostels and catering department to ensure efficient provision of services to RUSA members.
- vi. To be the custodian for all the facilities and equipment acquired for students use.
- vii. Shall present the interests and grievances of all the RUSA members pertaining their well-being to the relevant authorities.
- viii. Perform any other relevant duty as may be assigned by the Executive and/or the Congress.

3. Secretary General

- i. To prepare the agenda for the Executive secretariat meetings, Annual General Meeting, and any other meetings as directed by the Chairman.
- ii. One of the co-signatories to RUSA financial transactions documents.
- iii. To publish notices of meetings as required under this Constitution as approved by the Chairman.
- iv. To take and keep proper records of all the proceedings of all Executive, Secretariats, Annual General Meeting and any other as directed by the Constitution .
- v. To manage and regularly update the RUSA website in liaison with the University authorities.
- vi. Represents the RUSA in Senate and Bookshop Committees.
- vii. Promote and urge the provision of academic facilities, resource and services for better academic programs.
- viii. Address issues arising directly from the academic interest of the members of RUSA;
- ix. Participate in allocation of bursaries to the needy students in liaison with the Director Finance from RUSA account.
- x. Enhance dissemination of information to students on matters related to academic policies, procedures and regulations among others in liaison with the Secretary General.
- xi. Perform any other duties related to academic affairs as shall be assigned by the Executive and/or Congress.

4. Treasurer

- i. Shall serve as the Chairman of Financial Committee as shall be decided by the Congress.
- ii. Shall ensure the safety of RUSA books of accounts and avail them for audit and inspection as stipulated in the Constitution.
- iii. Shall be an automatic co-signatory member to the RUSA banks accounts and any other negotiable instruments.
- iv. Shall present a budget within fourteen days after swearing in of the Congress in liaison with the Executive Council.
- v. Shall present the financial report during the Annual General Meeting (income and expenditure report).
- vi. Shall avail funds for payment for all official commitments subject to annual budget as shall be approved by the Congress.
- vii. Shall be in charge of the financial management, mobilization of resources, income generating activities and projects of RUSA and answerable to the Congress.
- viii. Shall perform any other function relating to finances as may from time to time be directed by the Congress and the Executive.

5. Secretary, Ladies Affairs

- i. Represent the interests of ladies.
- ii. Perform any other function as shall be defined by Congress.
- iii. Recommend the introduction of relevant health transport services which may be deemed necessary from time to time.
- iv. Liaise with the University's department of health and transport services in providing possible assistance to the students.
- v. Identify problems in health and transport unit and forward them to the relevant authorities.

- vi. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Council and the Congress.

6. Secretary, Special Needs

- i. Represent the interest and the grievances of specially challenged people.
- ii. Perform any other duty as assigned by the Executive or Congress from time to time.

7. Secretary, Sports and Entertainment

- i. To liaise with the office of the Dean of Students and University Sports Department to ensure students welfare in matters pertaining to sports are protected.
- ii. To organize friendly games within the institution in consultation with captains and games tutors;
- iii. To organize practice sessions for games and sports.
- iv. To take care of games and sports equipment.
- v. Represent RUSA in management of University sports team.
- vi. Work in liaison with the University games tutor to identify problems.
- vii. Shall preside over democratic elections of each team captain by the team members.
- viii. Liaise with the Universities cultural week committee and the office of the Dean of Students to ensure success of the cultural week and other social events.
- ix. Coordinate recreational activities upon the approval of the Executive Council as well as make arrangements for entertainment.
- x. Promote gender equality in RUSA and University community.
- xi. Promote integration of those with special needs and interests as well as supervise the RUSA activities relating to members welfare especially social and gender services.
- xii. Liaise with the guidance and counseling office to ensure the promotion of guidance and counseling services to members and other general students support services.
- xiii. Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Council.

B. Congress (24 Members)

- i. Is the Electoral College for election of persons to the Executive Council
- ii. Elects the Speaker.
- iii. Supreme legislative and policy making organ of RUSA.
- iv. Debate and approve RUSA policies, proposals and decisions tabled by the committee, Executive Council, Speaker or an ex-officio member.
- v. Monitor the implementation of its resolutions by the Executive Council.
- vi. Debate, approve and adopt the budget.

cc. Students notice boards
