

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (CNSMSA)

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A REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES IN THE COLLEGE (2012/2013)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

College of Natural Sciences Muslim Students Association (**CNSMSA**) is an organization under Makerere University Muslim Student Association (**MUMSA**) devoted to strengthening the Muslim community through service and activism, educating both Muslims and people of other faiths about the religion of Islam, and facilitating a better environment for students on the college. The college connects students at the college to MUMSA through the Chairman who gives necessary informations like the activities to take place.

The intention of establishing **CNSMSA** should be entirely for the sake of Allah. Hence pray that it is successful, strong, and beneficial to all members and students alike. Membership to **CNSMSA** is not be restricted by reason of age, citizenship, color, disability, gender, race, religion, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran.

1.1 BACKGROUND

The **CNSMSA** under **MUMSA** and supervised by the patron(Mr. Oola.S, Lecturer department of Sport Sciences), and headed by the chairman and the members below him. It was founded in place in the year 2009 by **MUMSA** devoted to strengthening the Muslim community through service and activism within the college and Makerere at large.

The committee in conjunctions with the hard working patron of the union Mr. Oola Steven may Allah accept our efforts managed to secure and facilitate a prayer place behind the physics department in 2010, Thuhuri and Aswri prayers are now being performed there due to the long distance from the main mosque, given the tight schedule members operate with an average attendance of >20 Muslims /day we hope the number to increase Insha Allah.

Currently the members of the association is about 60 muslims students including those in masters programme.

CNSMSA have two schools that is school of physical sciences which have department of chemistry, mathematics, physics, and geosciences. Secondly school of biological sciences which contains department of zoology, ethnobotany, biology, environmental sciences.

1.2 LOCATION

CONAS is located in Makerere University main Campus about a kilometer from the main gate and about 400 meters north of Makerere main library.

1.3 VISION

CNSMSA's vision is "is to be association of excellence in upbringing a knowledgeable, responsible and responsive Muslim students' population practicing Islam in total, participating in and contributing to the progress of the Muslim Ummah, in the college, Makerere, Uganda and the world at large."

1.4 MISSION

CONAS MSA seeks "to be a vibrant association that mobilizes and sensitizes the Muslim students to lead an Islamic life, participate in and contribute towards programmes aimed at moving the Muslim community forward through promotion of education, good leadership and moral uprightness, using the Qur'an and Sunnah as supreme sources of guidance.

1.5 MANDATE

To provide students with specialized knowledge which will benefit them in this world and here after.

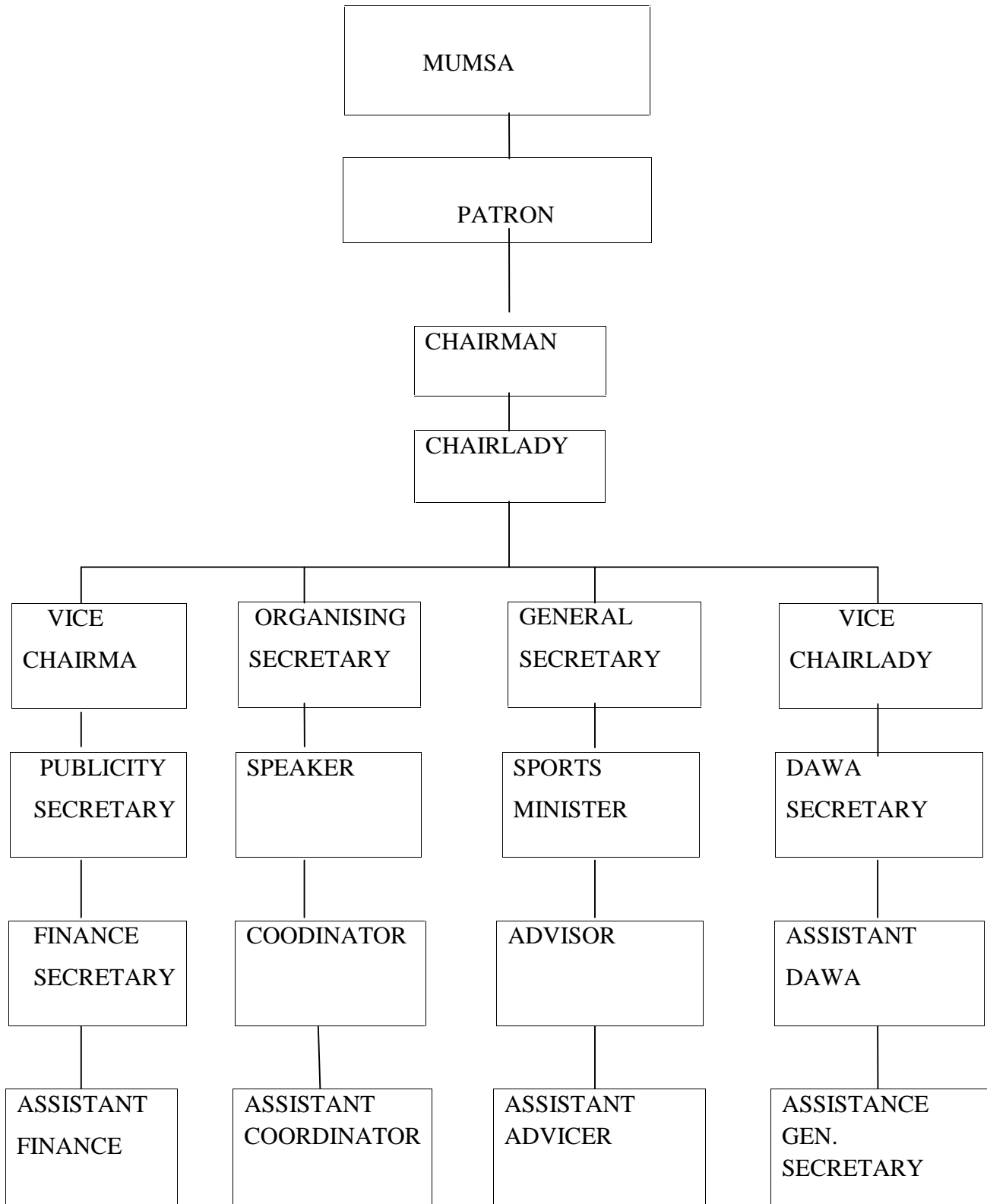
1.6 THE OBJECTIVES

The CNSMSA main objectives is to provides the necessary services through the provision of timely reliable accessible and affordable activities which links the members in it to the MUMSA and keeps strong muslim brotherhood among all muslims students in the university and the world at large.

The following activities are carried out at the college;

1. To promote Academic Excellency among Muslim students in the college and Makerere at large.
2. To promote Moral Uprightness among Muslim students.
3. To foster Unity among Muslim students in makerere.
4. To train Muslim students in Leadership and Management skills.
5. To safeguard Muslim students Rights in various departments and institutions.
6. To promote the Social Welfare of Muslim students.
7. To Unite and Coordinate Muslim students activities within college.
8. To encourage Muslim parents educate their children.
9. To amalgamate with any Muslim organization pursuing similar causes.
10. To prepare Muslim students to lead an Islamic life during and after University.
11. To uphold the international dignity of Islam within and outside Makerere.
12. To formulate and defend the Interests of Muslim students in the college and the university at large.
13. To raise funds that will promote the cause of Muslim students in the college and University at large.
14. To translate Islamic literature into local languages for easy propagation of Islam.

CNSMSA EXCEGUTIVE STRUCTURE



2.0 THE ACTIVITIES OF CNSMSA

CNSMSA shall achieve the above objectives through execution of the following activities among others;

2.1 Registration

The union register members within our focal radius for proper record keeping of both associations, effective and strategic planning to ensure the progress of the visibility of Muslim students and their activities at the college and the university at large.

2.2 Publication

Publicize the association and its initiatives to all the concerned members in the university, fortunately both continuing and fresh students.

2.3 Sensitization

Sensitize the union and the mother association (MUMSA) to the students by regularly informing them about the forth coming and ongoing activities in the various associations and calling for their positive support.

2.4 Prayer place (masgid)

We facilitated our prayer place behind the physics department, for Thuhuri and Aswri prayers due to the long distance from the main mosque given the tight schedule members operate.

2.5 Dawa activities

We hold weekly Halaqs after Aswri prayers on every Tuesday and we also Carry out sensitization visits to academic institutions, schools, hospitals, prisons and mosques.

One of the greatest Dawa activities is the finalist Dua which takes place at end of every academic year (Second semester).

3.0 METHODOLOGY OF ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION

Each session of the activities are preceded by a brief introduction by the organizers and participants, sometimes roll calling of participants was resorted to.

The conventional method of Da'wa activities starting from the basics like reading Yasaran (Introduction to Arabic alphabets), Quran, Islamic creed, Stories of earlier generations and finally presentation on general topics like prayer, Purification, Idd, majorly during halaqas (study cycles).

3.1 FACILITATION OF THE ACTIVITIES

As earlier noted above, the organizers have been relying on Individual finances to sustain the activities. However, this was intended to help generate the organizers as well as the participants' commitment to the activities. Since the activities can rightly be said to be firmly established, sponsorship of it become pretty easier, INSHALLAH

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

CNSMSA organization is very beneficial and promising which is promoting the Muslim students to conduct Islamically oriented activities like Muslim Finalist prayer(dua), Islamic seminars, Quiz, handover ceremony for leaders etc.

Allowing members to attend externally organized activities like Inter-college Quiz, Quran competitions, sports competition. All in all students are able to know each other and fanalist as God fearing citizens. . I anticipate CNSMSA's better performance if maximum attention is paid to the challenges below.

- Low turn up of the students in some of the activities.
- Lack of enough funds to uplift our activities to the expectation like finalist dua.
- Sisters faces great challengers of dressing islamically.
- Lack of strong coordination between students and the members of staff at the college.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS/WAY FORWARD.

The members in the association, in a nutshell wish to intimate that the activities were meant to build coalitions and capacity, at the same time mobilizing individuals to become ambassadors of change in their communities ,as such, put forward the following as recommendations;

- ❖ Students are encouraged to keep in close contact with the members of staff even when they break off for holiday, and at the same time explore other avenues of bettering their Islam like attending madarasas.
- ❖ Students are implored to freely share their lessons and experiences with others that hadn't attended any of the activities. This should extend to peers, parents and members of the greater community.
- ❖ The Patron and other members of staff are commended for all the support rendered to the smooth running of the program.
- ❖ To all stakeholders, the members wish to say that they were motivated by the following wise saying

“At the demise of its sons and daughters, the society always laments

‘it is not enough to have lived. Be determined to live for something beyond your self.It could be creating joy for others , working for betterment of society, sharing what we have, bringing hope to the lost and giving love to the lonely’”