

office as the substantive Dean of the Faculty of Administration into which I was validly elected forthwith.

## BACKGROUND

- 1) On the 14th of May 2018, the Deanship election of the Faculty of Administration was held under a peaceful atmosphere. The result was announced and I was declared the Dean-elect of the Faculty.
- 2) The minutes of the election were adopted and approved by the Faculty Board of Administration on July 2, 2018 without any controversy and subsequently by the University Senate on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2018.

## CHRONICLES OF EVENTS

- 1) When the papers of the Senate meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2018 was circulated, I discovered that my name was not included in the list of newly elected Deans to be presented to the Senate Meeting. This was more than two months after the said election was held.
- 2) I hurriedly contacted the University Registrar on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2018 for clarification who verbally told me, for the first time after more than 70 days the election had held, that my co-contestant dropped a letter of protest challenging the process of the election.
- 3) The day after; specifically on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, I sought and got an appointment with the Vice-Chancellor during which he confirmed the information of the Registrar.
- 4) On the following day; in the course of the Senate meeting, the list of elected Deans was circulated. Many members questioned the non-inclusion of the Dean-elect of the Faculty of Administration in the list. The Vice-Chancellor then informed the Senate of the substance of the allegation submitted by my co-contestant and reported that a legal opinion had been sought. The said legal opinion was however not disclosed on the floor of the Senate.
- 5) The reported substance of the protest was that a duly-listed member of the Faculty Board of Administration representing the Dean of Education whose membership was approved by the Faculty and Senate gave a proxy which in the opinion of the protester was Appendix I)

- 6) It was quite surprising that despite overwhelming reasons to the contrary on the floor of the Senate, the Vice-Chancellor still insisted that the protest be taken back to the Faculty for resolution.
- 7) In compliance with the Vice-Chancellor's directive that the matter be remitted to the Faculty, the then outgoing Dean of the Faculty called for an emergency Faculty Board meeting scheduled for Monday 30th July, 2018. However, the slated meeting was cancelled for unknown reasons.
- 8) Thereafter another letter dated July 31, 2018 calling again for the same emergency Faculty Board meeting for August 2, 2018 which was meant to consider and take a decision on the directive of the Vice-Chancellor on the complaint which arose from Deanship election, was issued. Attached to the memo was the petition, Registrar's response and the legal opinion. This would be the first time the petition was made available to me. Unfortunately, this meeting was also cancelled.
- 9) The Registrar in his report said and I quote: *I could not locate any defect in what had been done, neither am I convinced that a cognate Dean or his Representative as already approved by the Faculty Board enjoys a lesser status as Member of the Faculty Board to such extent that he/she could not exercise the right to vote by proxy as provided for in the Regulation 4(1) and 4(7) of the Obafemi Awolowo University Law, 1970. (Appendix II)*
- 10) The Legal Unit of the University also wrote that *the election conducted for the Dean of the Faculty of Administration on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 cannot be vitiated by the singular act of Dr. Adediwura appointing a proxy who attended the meeting of the Board and voted on his behalf, notwithstanding that the said proxy was a candidate in the election (Appendix III)*
- 11) Without any basis, the Vice Chancellor appointed Prof. M. L. Nassar, the most Senior Professor in the Faculty, as an Acting Dean on August 2, 2018. This was unprecedented and it is an affront to the extant rules and regulations of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, considering the circumstances surrounding the appointment.
- 12) On the 7th of August, 2018, a meeting of all Professors in the Faculty was called to at least carry out the instruction of the Vice-Chancellor, with myself and the complainant in attendance. The Professors also

upheld the outcome of the election and reflected same in the emergency Faculty Board meeting later called on the issue (Appendix IV).

- 13) Prof. M. L. Nassar called a meeting of the Faculty Board of Administration on Monday, August 20, 2018, to consider and take decision on the election. The meeting upheld the mandate earlier given to me and conveyed the decision to the Vice Chancellor. The decision reads *inter-alia* that **Having considered the matter of the Deanship election in the Faculty of Administration from the beginning to the present, and having also extremely considered the protest in all ramifications, the Board concluded that there was nothing awkward with the process and conduct of the Deanship election of 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.** The Board therefore, decided to recommend the following to the University Management on the matter, that:

***Based on the comments of the immediate past Registrar as well as those of the Legal Unit of the University on the matter, the election was properly conducted in accordance with the University's Regulations on Deanship election and the winner of the election was duly elected. Therefore, the winner, Professor A. A. Agboola, should be allowed to assume office without further delay as the 19<sup>th</sup> Dean of the Faculty of Administration for the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 academic sessions... ((Appendix V))***

- 14) However, the University Administration is yet to respond to the decision of the Faculty of Administration Board communicated to them, as at the time I am writing this petition.

### MY PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

From the foregoing, I have the following submissions to make:

- 1) The Vice-Chancellor is sufficiently aware that the university regulation governing university election (Regulation No. 4 of O.A.U Law, 1970) provides that any individual having issues or complaints regarding any appointed proxy should lodge such a complaint "not later than forty-eight hours after the election must have been held" to the Returning Officer, which in this case, is the Faculty Secretary. I respectfully submit that this

of Administration is a way of descending into the arena of partisan politics by the Vice-Chancellor.

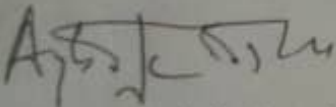
## CONCLUSION

Even though I am aware that the Vice-Chancellor has the right to support the candidature of whoever he wills, I need to plead with the Pro-Chancellor to counsel and advise Mr. Vice-Chancellor accordingly to pursue his interest within the ambits of rules and regulations of the University. The operation of his office is not only to be seen as the symbol and guardian of our laws but must also be seen to have been functioning as such. Anything short of this would mean a subversion of the office space for personal or group vendetta against perceived or real enemies.

I am appealing to you to address this matter in the overall interest of the Faculty and the University at large, whose integrity is at stake; such that the credibility of the University will not be in doubt. My prayer is that this matter be expeditiously resolved in my favour as evidence of the mandate given to me by the people of the Faculty of Administration; and of course to avoid setting a dangerous precedent as far as University election matters are concerned.

I assure the Pro-chancellor of my highest esteem and regards.

Yours sincerely,



**Professor A.A Agboola**

## Annexures

- (i) Petition written by Prof. Charles Ukeje
- (ii) Response of the Registrar to the petition
- (iii) Opinion of the Legal Unit to the petition
- (iv) Decision of the Faculty Board on the petition
- (v) Decision of the Faculty Professors.

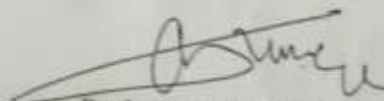
7. The action of Dr. A. A. Adediwura, being the representative of and proxy to the Dean of Education runs contrary to Reg. 4(5) of the University Statute and also contrary to the established legal maxim "*delegatus non protest delegare* (you cannot delegate what has been delegated to you).

8. Further, my interaction with the Dean of Education indicated that he was neither aware of the purported delegation of proxy by his cognate representative nor that he instructed the said representative to issue any proxy in the manner indicated above. I am in possession of evidence that the Dean of Education neither authorise nor was aware of the actions of his delegate.

9. The implication of 7 and 8 above is that the action of Dr. A. A. Adediwura amounted to delegating the power duly delegated to him as a proxy of the Dean of Education to another sub-proxy (Professor A.A. Agboola) contrary to the University Statute, established law and best practices.

#### My Prayer

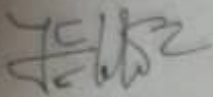
- a. I hereby implore the University to look into the propriety or otherwise of a proxy (Dr. A. A. Adediwura) delegating powers that derive from his principal (Professor B. I. Popoola) to a third party sub-proxy (Professor A.A. Agboola) without the consent of his principal;
- b. The cancellation of the purported proxy of Dr. A. A. Adediwura issued to Professor A.A. Agboola;
- c. Cancellation of the vote exercised by Professor A.A. Agboola acting as a sub-proxy to Dr. A. A. Adediwura;
- d. A determination of the way forward given the impact of the exercise of voting by an illegal sub-proxy on the outcomes of the said elections.

  
Professor C. U. Ukeje

Relying on Regulation No 3rd) of Osmania University Laws 1970, as amended, Professor A. A. Agboola was declared elected as the Dean, Faculty of Administration for the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 academic sessions, while Dr. K. S. Benson was declared elected unopposed as the *Vice-Dean*, Faculty of Administration for the 2017/2018 academic session.

It would be appreciated if the Registrar would inform Senate accordingly.

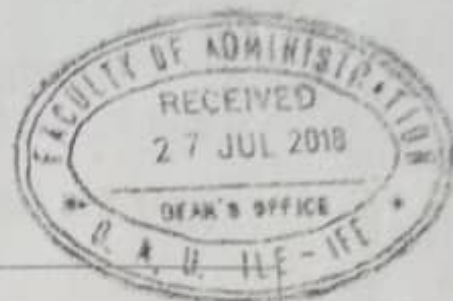
Thank you.



V. C. Ohaleti

OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE  
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM



FROM: Registrar	TO: Dean Faculty of Administration
REF: RB.72/VolXI/ <sup>224</sup> Date: 26/7/2018	

Re- Election into the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Administration for the  
2017/2018 and 2018/2019 Academic Sessions

Consequent upon Election into the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Administration for the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 Academic Sessions and subsequent complaint from one of the contestants, Prof Charles Ukeje of the Department of International Relations, legal advice was sought from the Legal Unit of the University.

In accordance with the Legal advice which states inter alia that the complaint/protest of Prof Ukeje should be brought to the attention of the Faculty Board of Administration for its consideration and determination, the Vice Chancellor has directed that Prof Ukeje's complaint/protest be forwarded to you for expeditious consideration of the Faculty Board of Administration. Kindly treat as urgent.

Thank you.

Mrs. M.I. Omosule



DEAN'S OFFICE  
FACULTY OF ADMINISTRATION  
OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE



APP 1

**INTERNAL MEMORANDUM**

FROM:  
Faculty Secretary,  
Faculty of Administration.

TO:  
Registrar,  
Registrar's Office

REF: FAD/ISS/No/18/489 DATE: 14/05/2018

Report of the Elections into the Offices of the Vice-Dean and Dean, Faculty of Administration for the 2017/2018 and 2017/2018–2018/2019 Academic Sessions Respectively

Please find given below the Reports of the above-mentioned elections in the Faculty of Administration:

1. Sequel to the directive of the Director, Academic Affairs as contained in his memo referenced R/DAA/Con2A and dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018, appropriate notices of election of Dean and Vice-Dean together with the call for nominations were issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018.
2. At the close of nominations by 12.00 noon on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, two valid nominations each were received for the two positions in favour of Professor A. A. Agboola of the Department of Management and Accounting and Professor C. U. Ukeje of the Department of International Relations for the post of Dean, as well as in favour of Dr. K. S. Benson and Dr. T. A. Olaiya both of the Department of Public Administration for the post of Vice-Dean.
3. However, prior to the Election Day and Date (Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018), Dr. T. A. Olaiya through an SMS message of 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018 and followed up with a memo dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018, wrote to withdraw from the contest for the post of Vice-Dean on personal reasons.
4. At the 222<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Faculty Board of Administration held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, an election was conducted for the post of Dean between Professor A. A. Agboola and Professor C. U. Ukeje.
5. At the count of the votes cast, a total of eighty-one (81) members of the Board participated in the voting exercise. While Professor Agboola scored a total of forty-one (41) votes, Professor Ukeje received a total of forty (40) votes.
6. Having scored the highest number of votes (forty-one-41), Professor A. A. Agboola of the Department of Management and Accounting emerged as the winner of the election.



OBAFEMI AWOLowo UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

FROM: Deputy Registrar,  
Legal Unit

TO: 1. Vice-Chancellor  
2. Registrar

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REF: VC/LEG.026/VOL.IV/120

DATE: 27/06/2018

Re: Exercise of Anomalous Proxy during the Elections into the Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Administration

I refer to the Vice-Chancellor's minute on the attached memo of the Registrar, dated 30/05/2018 on the above-captioned subject.

Prof. Ukeje's complaint against the deanship election of the Faculty of Administration held on 14/5/2018, is based, in the main, on one ground: that the Faculty representative from the Faculty of Education, who also doubled as a proxy of the cognate Dean of Education, unlawfully exercised the proxy by giving it to another member of the Faculty Board of Education, and who happens to be a contestant in the election.

The issue arising from the protest of Prof. Ukeje is one: can a person appointed a proxy exercise the power given to them by giving the proxy to another person? Put another way, can a proxy use his appointment to appoint another person as his proxy? There is no provision in our statutes and regulations on this issue. Neither Regulations No.3, which makes provisions for election of deans, nor Regulations No.4, which makes provisions for appointment of proxies to vote at a University election, has any provisions on the issue.

One argument is that a proxy stands in the same position as their principal, that is, the elector/voter who appointed them, for all purposes. This implies that the proxy is, by their mere appointment, conferred with the power and authority to do whatever the principal is empowered to do, including of course the power to use the proxy to appoint another proxy. This line of argument would support what was allegedly done in the case of the deanship election of the Faculty of Administration. The weakness in this argument is that a proxy is appointed for one purpose, and this is to attend and vote in the name of the person who appointed them. Paragraph 1 of Regulations No. 4 provides that -

*"Any member of the University who is entitled to vote at any of the University elections shall be entitled to appoint another person as proxy to attend and vote in his name" (Emphasis mine)*

The general principle of the law is that a power to appoint a representative cannot override specific provisions of the law or regulation of the body from which the power derives. The power given to a member of the University who is entitled to vote at any University election to appoint a proxy, is explicitly stated to be for one purpose: to attend and vote in the member's name. In other words, it is not a general power to appoint another person, *ad infinitum*, so that a proxy can appoint a proxy,

4 (2) Any member of the University who is entitled to vote at any of the University elections shall be entitled to appoint another person as proxy to attend and vote in his name.

4(3) In any notice calling for an election in the University, it shall be clearly stated that a member of the University who is entitled to attend and vote at such an election is also entitled to appoint a proxy to vote in his name.

May I state that this kind of protest is novel and I have thus decided to refer the new argument to the Legal Unit to advise as to whether the complaint has merit or otherwise.

In the meantime, I am acknowledging receipt of the letter of complaint from Prof. Ukeje.

Above is for your information while the Legal opinion is being awaited on the status of the membership of the Cognate Faculties on different Faculty Boards.

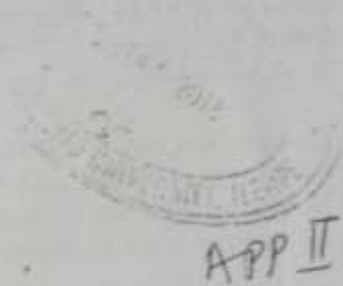
Thank you, Sir



D. O. Akinyemi  
Registrar and Secretary to Council



OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY  
ILE-IFE, NIGERIA  
INTERNAL MEMORANDUM



FROM: Prof. C.U. Ukeje  
Dept. of International Relations

TO: The Registrar  
Obafemi Awolowo University  
Ile-Ife

REF:                      DATE: 15/05/18

Exercise of Anomalous Proxy during the Elections to the Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Administration

1. The 222<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Administration held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 4pm during which elections into the Office of the Dean of the Faculty was held.
2. Prior to the above, the Faculty Secretary met with two of us, the candidates duly certified to contest the election on Thursday, 10/5/2018 at 10am, to discuss issues pertaining to the election such as the procedures, approved voters register and the list of approved cognates, etc.
3. The Faculty Secretary also intimated us, based on extant University Regulation 4 (5) as contained in the University Statute in relation to voting at election and the appointment of proxies. Regarding the exercise of proxy, he intimated us as follows, that:
  - (i) the Dean can make a personal appearance and vote without recourse to either his cognate or any previously designated representative
  - (ii) The Dean can, in writing on or before Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018, appoint a proxy to vote at the election
  - (iii) The Cognate of each designated Faculty representing the Dean shall be present to vote.
4. During the actual voting, the only Dean present, from the Faculty of Social Sciences, and other cognates, were invited to vote first, as agreed, followed by colleagues from the four Departments within the Faculty.
5. The Dean of Education and his expressly designated representative(s) were NOT present to vote on the floor of the Faculty Board during the election.
6. The Faculty Secretary announced that Dr. A. A. Adediwura, the cognate of the Dean of Education, Professor B. I. Popoola, gave his proxy to Professor A. A. Agboola, my co-candidate.



OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY



5/31/18

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

From: Registrar

To: Vice-Chancellor

Ref: RO.72/Vol. XI/181 Date: 30/05/2018

Re: Election to the Office of Dean, Faculty of Administration

Please find attached the request on the Election of Dean in the Faculty of Administration at the Faculty Board Meeting of May 14, 2018 as received from the Faculty Secretary (Appendix I). Also received is a memo from Prof. C. I. Ukeje complaining about the administration of proxy at the said election (App. II). I have since obtained the comment of the Faculty Secretary on the complaint and it is attached herewith as Appendix III.

The summary of the complaint borders on the legitimacy of the Representative of a Cognate Faculty on the Faculty Board appointing a proxy to vote on his behalf. The complainant was arguing that the Representative of the Cognate Dean is a delegate and should not have delegated his role to any other person to perform by giving out his proxy.


In line with Regulation No. 3(8) which provides as follows:

'Subject to the determination of the Registrar, no election shall be invalidated by reason of:

- a) inadvertent failure to send an elector any notice of election; or
- b) inadvertent failure to do any act at or by the required time or date; or
- c) any defect of a merely formal nature'

my comment is as stated below:

Having looked at the process of the election, and the reports obtained thus far, I could not locate any defect in what had been done, neither am I convinced that a Cognate Dean or his Representative as already approved by the Faculty Board enjoys a lesser status as Member of the Faculty Board to such extent that he/she could not exercise the right to vote by proxy as provided for in the Regulation 4(1) and 4(7) of the Obafemi Awolowo University Law, 1978.

  
**DEAN'S OFFICE**  
**FACULTY OF ADMINISTRATION**  
OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE

**INTERNAL MEMORANDUM**

**FROM:**  
Faculty Secretary,  
Faculty of Administration.

**TO:**  
All Members,  
Faculty of Administration Board.

REF: FAD/43/Vol 9/57      DATE: 31/07/2018

**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY MEETING - FACULTY OF ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

I write, at the instance of the Dean, Faculty of Administration, to request that you please attend an urgent **EMERGENCY MEETING** of the Faculty's Board, which has been scheduled to hold as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2018

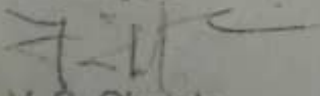
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. prompt

**Venue:** Faculty Board Room at the Extension Building.

**Agendum:** To consider and take a decision on the directive of the Vice-Chancellor pertaining to the Faculty's election into the Office of the Dean for the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 academic sessions as well as the complaint which arose from the election. The papers for consideration are herewith attached, please.

Please attend and kindly be punctual.

Thank you.



V. C. Ohalete

Dr. A. A. Adediwura was alleged to have acted as a proxy of the Dean of Education. In practice, cognate deans on the Faculty Board of other Faculties have representatives who are normally confirmed by the Senate for each session. Dr. Adediwura is the representative of the Dean, Faculty of Education on the Faculty Board of Administration. For the purpose of the deanship election, Dr. Adediwura is *de facto* and *de jure* a member of Faculty Board of Administration, except when the Dean of Education decides to attend personally. In other words, Dr. Adediwura would not need a formal proxy (form) signed by the Dean of Education, as his name is on the list of members of the Faculty Board of Education, albeit as representing the Dean. If Dr. Adediwura would, notwithstanding that he is listed as a member of the Faculty Board of Administration, need a proxy from the Dean of Education who he represented, then he would lack the power to appoint another proxy. However, since Dr. Adediwura is a member of the Faculty Board of Education recognized as such by the Senate and so listed, he does not need a proxy, whether to attend any meeting of the Faculty Board of Education, or to vote thereat; it is a member that he appoints to attend and vote on his behalf that will require a proxy from him.

Having regard to the foregoing, it is my opinion that the election conducted for the Dean of the Faculty of Administration on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 cannot be vitiated by the singular act of Dr. Adediwura appointing a proxy who attended the meeting of the board and voted on his behalf, notwithstanding that the said proxy was a candidate in the election.

Paragraph 6 of Regulations No.4 of the University provides that a forged letter of proxy or any other irregularity in the appointment of a proxy shall render his voting null and void, provided that the forgery or irregularity is known to the secretary of the electing body, or a report of it is lodged with him, in either case not later than forty-eight hours after the elections; and further, that the effect which the nullity of the vote shall have on the overall election shall be determined by the electing body (in this case, the Faculty Board) as early as possible after considering the circumstances of the case. In line with this provision, I advise that the protest of Prof. Ukeje and this opinion be brought to the attention of the Faculty Board for its consideration and determination.

May I also invite the attention of the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar to the provision of section 5.50 of the University law, which I consider may be relevant in this case. The section provides that-

*If any question arises whether any person has been duly appointed, elected selected, nominated or co-opted as, or whether any person is entitled to be, a member of the University or a member of any authority or other body of the University, the question shall be referred to the council whose decision thereon shall be final.*

In the event that the dispute arising from the election of the Dean of Administration cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the contending parties, recourse may be had to section 50 of the University law.

I return herewith to the Vice-Chancellor the memo of the Registrar referenced SO.TD/VOL.XI/181 dated 30/5/2018.

Thank you

  
Viaka Ayantola, Esq.

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provision was not complied with by the so called petitioner, as we have it on good authority that the complaint/petition was not lodged within 48 hours of the election to the Faculty Secretary.

- 2) The University Regulation No. 4 sub-section 1 on Voting at University Election: Appointment of Proxies stated *inter-alia* that **any member of the University who is entitled to vote at any of the University elections shall be entitled to appoint another person as proxy to attend and vote in his name.** The Vice-Chancellor was aware that the staff in context was duly listed on the Senate approved list of the Faculty Board of Administration and by virtue of this regulation was qualified to vote and also to appoint a proxy. It is still to me largely unclear why it should take the Vice-Chancellor such a prolonged effort to declare and abide by the position of the law.
- 3) The letter of complaint reached the Vice-Chancellor's office through the Registrar as far back as May 31st, 2018. The legal opinion was sought and obtained as far back as June 27th, 2018. Knowing fully well the urgency and the needed expedition in this matter, the Vice-Chancellor kept away the said petition/complaint and opinion until four days to my expected day of assumption of office. This is an act reminiscent of undemocratic subtlety and unnecessary display of power targeted at frustrating the mandate duty given to me by the Faculty.
- 4) The Vice-Chancellor has, by disregarding the rule-informed opinion of the University Registrar in the case at hand, usurped the statutory role of the Registrar as the Returning Officer of the University.
- 5) The Vice-Chancellor has, in view of the above, manifested sharp impunity, flagrant disobedience to the rule of law as opposed to might and lack of respect for due process in the handling of election petitions.
- 6) That the remittance of the matter to the Faculty was largely uncalled for because it is a straight case without any controversies in view of University rules. However, even so, the Faculty Board still reiterated its earlier position that I was duly elected the Dean of the Faculty. Acting to the contrary by not allowing me to assume office as the duly elected Dean of the Faculty

Department of Management &  
Accounting,  
Faculty of Administration,  
Obafemi Awolowo University,  
Ile-Ife,  
30<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

The Pro-Chancellor & Chairman,  
Obafemi Awolowo University Governing Council,  
Ile-Ife,  
Osun State.

Dear Sir,

**DEANSHIP ELECTION IN THE FACULTY OF ADMINISTRATION: A SUBVERSION OF THE  
UNIVERSITY LAW BY THE OFFICE VICE CHANCELLOR**

The above subject matter refers.

I would like to bring to your attention - for your kind intervention - the disposition the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Eyiotope Ogunbodede has deployed to scuttle my assumption into office as the validly elected Dean of the Faculty of Administration, having polled the higher number of votes cast at the election. This is quite strange considering the sound uncontroverted opinion that emanated from the Legal Unit of the University; as well as the rule-informed submission and position of the Registrar, the Returning Officer of the University, in the recently concluded Deanship Election in the Faculty of Administration.

This letter seeks, among other things, to document the contexts of the Deanship Election of the Faculty of Administration with a view to availing you of the partisan reduction of the University Administration into petty politics and blatant violation of University rules and legal opinions by the relevant University Administration with unprecedented impunity; and of course my consequent travails in the hands of the Administration headed by Professor Eyiotope Ogunbodede.

As I write, the Vice-Chancellor, in view of the above gross violation and abuse of the University rules is yet to respect the legal opinion he sought and obtained, the position of the Registrar and the decision of the Faculty Board he directed to sit, on the matter, which states unequivocally that I must be allowed to assume