

**Elite Debates & Talks Club**

**Spiritan University Nneochi, Abia State**

***Motto: Masters of Thought and Speech***

EDTC/SUN/2021/002 29 May 2021

**Fixtures for the Inaugural Election Debates 2021**

**Introduction:** We held our first full formal meeting today in a lecture hall of the Faculty of Arts, Management and Social Sciences from 1:20 pm to 3:25 pm. Opening and closing prayers were said by me, the Founder and Executive Director, Rev. Fr. Dr. Chinedu Nwadike, CSSp. The decisions after fruitful deliberations which included my lifting the deadline for nominations were:

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| **Offices** | **Contestants** |
| **President** | Damian Nwodo v. Victoria Obasi v. Michael Ukegbu |
| **Vice President** | Fideline Bih v. Peace Godson v. Victoria Obasi |
| **Secretary** | Clement Ndukuba v. Victoria Nwachukwu v. Damian Nwodo |
| **Assistant Secretary** | God’s Favour Oluoma v. Fideline Bih v. Victoria Nwachukwu |
| **Treasurer** | Uche Agochukwu v. Peace Godson v. Clement Ndukuba |
| **Financial Secretary** | LaurelParker Martin v. Michael Ukegbu v. Uche Agochukwu |
| **Public Relations Officer** | Stanley Adinnu v. God’s Favour Oluoma v. LaurelParker Martin |

**Modality 1:** This debate fixture is based on the first choice and second choice of contestants.

**Modality 2:** Anyone who loses in a first choice contest will join in the contest for his or her office of second choice. All election debates will not be on the same day.

**Modality 3:** Efforts will be made to see if those on Industrial Training programme can come in to participate physically rather than by video or online.

**Modality 4:** It is recommended that all contestants should take time to watch and study YouTube videos of US election debates (e.g., Donald Trump, Barack Obama) and Nigerian election debates (e.g., Peter Obi, Osita Chidoka) and get a feel of what it means to have an enlightened debate. In addition, watch and study YouTube videos of TED Talks and TEDx Talks for similar reasons.

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| **S/N** | **Moderators** | **Scorers** |
| 1  | God’s Favour Oluoma | Sir Patrick Ezeonwuka (Registrar) |
| 2 | Uche Agochukwu | Rev. Fr. Dr. Clement Onwunata, CSSp. |
| 3 | LaurelParker Martin | Fr. Cyril Anene, CSSp. |
| 4 | Michael Ukegbu | Fr. Chibuzo Iyeh, CSSp. |
| 5 | Victoria Nwachukwu | Godfrey Ihedimma |

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| **S/N** | **Score Categories** | **Max. Marks** |
| 1 | Appearance (How does the person look?) | 5 marks |
| 2 | Composure (Level of confidence on stage) | 10 marks |
| 3 | Research Competence (Facts & figures, people, events and other related data referenced) | 20 marks |
| 4 | Delivery (How organized is the speech?) | 20 marks |
| 5 | Originality (Any new ideas from the debater?) | 20 marks |
| 6 | Fluency (Command of the English Language) | 15 marks |
| 7 | Connection with Audience (Is the audience following or bored with the debater?) | 10 marks |
|  |  **Total Marks** | **100 marks** |

**Questions for Debaters (To be asked by Moderators and a few taken from the audience):**

1. Why do you think you are qualified to handle the office you are running for?

2. Why do you think you are more capable than other contestants?

3. Questions will be asked about certain issues or goings-on in SUN, in Nigeria and in the world and how you think you can handle them if given the opportunity as a public leader or how they should be approached or your views about them.

**Suggested Dates for Election Debates (Yet to be approved by the Vice Chancellor):**

Wednesday, 16 June – Thursday, 17 June, 2021.

**Tenure of Office:**

One year (However, this is to be decided).

**Frequency of EDTC Events:**

There will always be one debate event and one talk event every semester. Thus, a total of 2 events every semester and 4 events in an academic session. Themes and topics for each event will be chosen as the need arises.

Reviewed and Approved for Activity.

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Rev. Fr. Dr. Chinedu Nwadike, CSSp., FIMC, CMC, CMS, AMSSRN

Founder/Executive Director