



FAMSA ALUMNI NETWORK

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Federation of African Medical Students' Associations (FAMSA)
2021 Executive council and Headquarters Board.

1. Background

At the 34th FAMSA General Assembly and Scientific conference, the executive council of the 2019/2020 tenure proposed a protocol framework which included the FAMSA alumni network. This was in light of the fact that FAMSA needs to stay in touch with her alumni for mentorship and to have a pool of senior colleagues who can support the organization when the need arises.

The idea behind creating a FAMSA alumni network is hinged on the following:

- That the experience of past officials and doctors who once played pivotal roles in FAMSA remain relevant to the running of the Federation.
- That members of the Executive Council would benefit from the guidance of past leaders in planning and making decisions based off FAMSA's history.
- That as medical students we may be relatively limited in terms of technical and specialised knowledge, social and professional networks compared to our older colleagues who have gone before us.
- That certain knowledge which may not be easy to document is not lost with the graduation of medical students..

2. Introduction

A FAMSA alumnus or alumna is a medical doctor who was a member of a Medical Students' Association (MSA) registered under FAMSA. The FAMSA alumni network is to be a platform whereby such qualified doctors, who continue to share in the ideals of FAMSA, can contribute easily to the progress of the Federation.

3. Membership

Membership of the FAMSA Alumni Network shall be open to all former African medical students, that is, all medical doctors whose MSAs were registered under

FAMSA and who continue to share in the aims of FAMSA and desire to contribute actively in achieving those aims.

Mode of getting members on board

- Establish a visible social media presence that will leverage on the reach of such media to get the attention of alumni across the world
- Establish contact with past FAMSA presidents, administrators, executive council members and MSA presidents, and through them reach other alumni within their specific spheres.
- Create a database (for example, using an online form) that will be updated regularly as members join the network
- Create awareness about the alumni network among FAMSA members (MSAs and individuals through the FAMSA mailing list)

4. Objectives

- To assist in furthering the aims of FAMSA by providing professional, technical, financial and other forms of support
- To offer guidance to the Executive Council as requested
- To promote the good of FAMSA among African medical doctors and allied health professional bodies
- To aid the exchange of correspondence among FAMSA alumni on matters of medical and professional importance.

5. Leadership & Mode of Operation

Principal Officers of the Network

- Chair: to oversee the activities of the network.
- Vice-Chair: to assist the Chair in coordinating the activities of the network and act in capacity of the Chair when he or she is not available.
- General Secretary: to keep records of the network's activities, members and plans.
- Public Relations Officer: to serve as an intermediary between the network and external bodies; to be in charge of publicity and human relations

It is acknowledged that the need may arise for the inclusion of other officers to this team upon full establishment of the network.

Criteria for members

1. Past FAMSA EC member
2. Past FAMSA members
3. Past MSA Presidents