

Constitutional Amendments Coversheet

CLUB NAME: Project Hope

DATE OF MEETING: Sunday 7th August 2022

Complete this form and submit it to USU Clubs office for a review prior to your meeting notice. Once the proposed Constitutional Amendments are approved by the C&S Office, please advertise it on your meeting notice at least 14 days prior the meeting. Adopt the constitution and submit this coversheet with a copy of your signed and dated constitution to the Clubs & Societies Office within 14 days from your meeting, you can send a PDF version to Clubs@usu.edu.au.

Please ensure that you have made the mandatory amendments in your constitution, a checklist is available on the Clubsuite portal.

| Clause # | Current Clause | New Proposed Clause | Reason for Amendment |
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| 3 | - | <p>3. DEFINITIONS</p> <p>3.1 For the purpose of this constitution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) "Associate Members" of the Society means all current University of Sydney Union members other than those who qualify for Ordinary Membership ii) "Co-presidency system" means a system wherein the executive body consists of two presidents, as opposed to a president and a vice president, in addition to other executive body members as determined in clause 5.1. iii) "Co-president" means any one of the two elected presidents of the Society in any given year, should members adopt to have a co-presidency system at the relevant AGM iv) "Duties" means the duties of each executive member as determined with | Including definitions used in this constitution for clarity. |

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| | | <p>reference to their relevant section in clause 6.</p> <p>v) “Executive” means the member(s) as outlined in clause 5.1 who elected by ordinary members at an annual general meeting;</p> <p>vi) “Executive body” means the executives as a collective, who have power to manage the Society in accordance with this Constitution.</p> <p>vii) “Ordinary Members” of the Society means all Members of the University of Sydney Union</p> <p>viii) “Subscription fees” means fees as determined in clause 4.3.</p> <p>3.2 Where any terms in this constitution are not defined in clause 3.1, they will have the same meaning those words as mentioned in their relevant clauses.</p> | |
| 4.3 | <p>The subscription fees for membership shall be:</p> <p>i) <i>Ordinary Membership \$5</i></p> <p>ii) <i>Associate Membership \$7</i></p> | <p>The subscription fees for membership shall be:</p> <p>iii) <i>Ordinary Membership \$5</i></p> <p>iv) <i>Associate Membership \$5</i></p> | Change the fees for ordinary and associate members to be the same. |
| 5.1 | <p>The Society shall have an Executive consisting of:</p> <p>v) A President</p> <p>vi) A Vice President</p> <p>vii) A Secretary</p> <p>viii) A Treasurer</p> <p>ix) A Fundraising Director</p> <p>x) An Events Director</p> <p>i) A Marketing (Domestic) Director</p> <p>ii) A Marketing (International) Director</p> | <p>The Society shall have an Executive consisting of:</p> <p>i) A President; and</p> <p>ii) A Vice President or Co-President; and</p> <p>iii) A Secretary; and</p> <p>iv) A Treasurer; and</p> <p>v) A Fundraising Director; and</p> <p>vi) An Events Director; and</p> <p>vii) A Marketing (Domestic) Director; and</p> | Project Hope wishes to introduce the option of having a Co-President system, to the present President and Vice President system. A co-president system is defined as having two elected presidents, as opposed to a single president and single Vice President elected to office concurrently in any given year. This is because the Present 2022 elected President and Vice President share identical duties; and as such, they should be recognised as equals in terms of title. However, as the duties required of presidents and vice- |

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| | <p>iii) A Sponsorship Director;</p> | <p>viii) A Marketing (International) Director; and ix) A Sponsorship Director.</p> | <p>presidents may be subject to change in future years, such that they may have different responsibilities and duties, the option of electing a President & Vice President instead of co-presidents will be retained for future members to decide and vote upon at an AGM.</p> |
| 5.2 | | <p>With respect to clause 5.1.ii, an optional Co-President can be elected in lieu of a Vice President. For this to occur members must agree to elect a Co-President instead of a Vice President by a two-thirds majority vote of those <i>Ordinary Members</i> in attendance at a General Meeting.</p> | <p>Add a clause to clarify the change in 5.1.ii</p> |
| 5.3 | | <p>Should there be a Co-presidency system, any 'Co-President' shall have the same meaning as 'President'.</p> | <p>Add a clause to clarify the change in 5.1.ii</p> |
| 5.5 | <p>Attendance of <i>Executive Members</i> at Ordinary and General Meetings is obligatory. Any Executive Member who does not attend three consecutive meetings without leave can be dismissed from the Executive by a two-thirds majority vote of those <i>Ordinary Members</i> and <i>Honorary Members</i> who would otherwise be eligible for <i>Ordinary Membership</i> in attendance at an Ordinary Meeting.</p> | <p>Attendance of <i>Executive Members</i> at Ordinary and General Meetings is obligatory. Any Executive Member who does not attend three consecutive meetings without leave can be dismissed from the Executive by a two-thirds majority vote of those <i>Ordinary Members</i> in attendance at an Ordinary Meeting.</p> | <p>Remove mention of Honorary members as Project Hope does not have any Honorary members, according to the existing constitution.</p> |
| 5.1 | <p>The President shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Plan the Society's activities in consultation with the Executive. ii) Liaise with the Executive and any Committees formed by the Society. iii) Ensure an adequate handover, including any documents and materials, to the following | <p>The President/Co-Presidents shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Plan the Society's activities in consultation with the Executive. ii) Liaise with the Executive and any Committees formed by the Society. iii) Ensure an adequate handover, including any documents and materials, to the following Executive. | <p>Duties updated to reflect current roles.</p> |

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| | Executive. | | |
| 7.1 | The Society shall hold an Ordinary Meeting at least once every <u>5</u> weeks during semester (teaching period, Weeks 1-13). | The Society shall hold an Ordinary Meeting at least once every <u>5</u> weeks. | Mandatory C&S Amendment |
| 8.1 | The Society shall hold General Meetings as required during semester (teaching period, Weeks 1- 13). | The Society shall hold General Meetings as required. | Mandatory C&S Amendment |
| 8.7 | <p>A General Meeting of the Society has the same powers as an Ordinary Meeting, and may also carry the following motions on notice relating to the affairs of the Society by a two-thirds majority vote of those members present and voting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Repealing motions and the effect of motions carried at an Ordinary Meeting ii) Amending the Constitution iii) Dismissing <i>Executive Members</i> for reasons other than that in 4.3 of the Constitution, provided that the <i>Executive Member</i> is given reasonable right of reply iv) Dissolving the Society. | <p>A General Meeting of the Society has the same powers as an Ordinary Meeting, and may also carry the following motions on notice relating to the affairs of the Society by a two-thirds majority vote of those members present and voting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Repealing motions and the effect of motions carried at an Ordinary Meeting ii) Amending the Constitution iii) Dismissing <i>Executive Members</i> for failure to adequately perform their executive duties, provided that the <i>Executive Member</i> is given reasonable right of reply iv) Dissolving the Society. | Mandatory C&S Amendment |
| 9.4 | The Annual General Meeting shall be held between 9am and 9pm at a place on a campus of The University of Sydney during semester (teaching period, Weeks 1-13). The Annual General | The Annual General Meeting shall be held between 9am and 9pm at a place on a campus of The University of Sydney and/or via video conference. The Annual General Meeting shall be chaired | Mandatory C&S Amendment |

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| | Meeting shall be chaired by the President or an <i>Executive Member</i> not standing for election to any position. | by the President or an <i>Executive Member</i> not standing for election to any position. | |
| 12.4 | The finances of the Society shall be maintained in accordance with the C&S Handbook for Treasurers produced by the Clubs & Societies Office of The University of the Sydney Union, and submitted for audit by the Clubs & Societies Auditor immediately following the Financial Year End of the Society in the month of February each year. | The finances of the Society shall be maintained in accordance with the C&S Handbook for Treasurers produced by the Clubs & Societies Office of The University of the Sydney Union, and submitted for audit by the Clubs & Societies Auditor immediately following the Financial Year End of the Society in the month of August each year. | Update the financial year to make it easier for the Treasurer to ensure an adequate handover. |
| 12.6 | The financial year of the Society shall run from the start of March to the end of February following. | The financial year of the Society shall run from the 1st September to the 31st August following. | Same reasons as Clause 12.4 |
| | Access member | USU member | Mandatory C&S Amendment |