

The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Student Members of the University Senate Ordinance

This Ordinance provides for the elections of Student Members of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Senate and its monitoring, and shall replace the “Constitution of Student Members of the University Senate” (12 October 2003); and to amend relevant provisions in place and add new provisions to the “Election Ordinance, The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong”.

Legislated by the Council.

Section 1: Introduction

1. Abbreviation and English Translation

- (1) This Ordinance can be cited as “Student Members of the University Senate Ordinance”;
- (2) The English translation of this Ordinance shall be “Student Members of the University Senate Ordinance, The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong”.

2. Definitions

In this Ordinance, unless otherwise stated —

“The University”	shall mean	The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
“The Senate”	shall mean	The Chinese University of Hong Kong Senate.
“The Union”	shall mean	The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
“The Council”	shall mean	The Council of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
“Faculty”	shall mean	A faculty established by The Chinese University of Hong Kong according to “The Statute of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Ordinance”.
“Student”	shall mean	A full-time undergraduate student or a full-time postgraduate student.
“The President”	shall mean	the President of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, including the Acting President.
“Student Member”	shall mean	a full-time student representative, in office as Student Members of the Senate, according to “Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong”.
“College Member”	shall mean	a Full Member assigned by The Student Union of Chung Chi College, The Student Union of New Asia College, The Student Union of United

		College or The Student Union of Shaw College, in the office of Student Member of the Senate.
“Ex-officio Member”	shall mean	a person in office as Student Member of the Senate, as the President of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, or as the Acting President shall the Executive Committee is vacant.
“Faculty Member”	shall mean	a full-time student elected in one Faculty of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in the office of Student Member of the Senate, according to this Ordinance.
“Multi-disciplinary Student”	shall mean	a student majoring in a multi-disciplinary programme.
“Student of the affiliated Faculty”	shall mean	a student or a multi-disciplinary student of the affiliated Faculty.
“Annual election”	shall mean	an election held annually, according to the “Election Ordinance”.
“Election”	shall mean	an annual election or a by-election.
“By-election”	shall mean	a by-election held according to this Ordinance.

3. This Ordinance is not applicable to College Members.

Actions of a College Member is not regulated by this Ordinance.

Section 2: Authorities and Responsibilities

4. Authorities and Responsibilities of a Student Member

A Student Member shall:

- (1) Attend meetings of the Senate and its affiliated committee, and reflect comments of students in meetings;
- (2) Consult students on the matter of the Senate frequently;
- (3) Sit in General Council Meeting of the Council at the invitation of the President;
- (4) Attend Interim Review Meeting and Annual Review Meeting held by the Monitory and Redress Committee;
- (5) Report the progress of work to all Members (in relation to an Ex-Officio Member) or to all students of the affiliated Faculty (in relation to a Faculty Member) within fourteen days of a meeting of the Senate;
- (6) Attend meetings of a Society of a Faculty or a Society of a Programme of his Faculty at the invitation of the Society, in relation to a Faculty Member;
- (7) Submit an annual working report to all members of his Faculty, and send a copy to the Council, in relation to a Faculty Member;

5. Term of Office of Student Member

- (1) The term of office of an Ex-officio Member in a session shall be of the same length of the term of his office as the President.
- (2) The term of office of a Faculty Member in a session shall be one year, starting on the first day of the month of March, and ending on the last day of the month of February in a next calendar year.
- (3) Disregarding the date of inauguration of a Student Member, the end of term of a session shall be the end of term of the President (in relation to an Ex-officio Member), or the last day of the month of February (in relation to a Faculty Member).
- (4) Any person shall be in the office of Student Member of the Senate for no more than two times consecutively.

6. Limitations on Student Members in Multiple Offices

- (1) Any person shall not be in multiple offices as an Ex-Officio Member, a Faculty Member or a College Member at the same time.
- (2) A Faculty Member shall not be the President at the same time.

7. Budget of a Student Member

A budget can be submitted to the Council for Fund of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong by a Student Member if needed.

8. Resignation of a Faculty Member

Should a resignation of a Faculty Member be needed, a notice shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the Council and all students of the affiliated Faculty fourteen days in advance of a submission of resignation to the Senate, and with approval by the Senate after consideration.

9. Vacancy of an Office of a Student Member

- (1) In the event of the following, the office of an Ex-officio Member shall be vacant:
 - (a) An Ex-officio Member is no longer the President of The Union;
 - (b) An Ex-officio Member is no longer a student of the University;
 - (c) An Ex-officio Member is required to terminate his study of a full-time curriculum.
- (2) In the event of the following, the office of a Faculty Member shall be vacant:
 - (a) A Faculty Member is in office as the President of The Union;
 - (b) A Faculty Member is in office as a College Member;
 - (c) A Faculty Member is no longer a student of the affiliated Faculty;
 - (d) A Faculty Member is required to terminate his study of a full-time curriculum.
 - (e) The Approval of a resignation of a Faculty Member by the Senate.

10. Solutions for the Vacancy of an Office of a Student Member

- (1) The Council shall notify all Full Members and students of the affiliated Faculty of a vacancy of an office of a Faculty Member.

- (2) The next successor in the office of the President shall be an Ex-officio Member, if an office of an Ex-officio Member is vacant.
- (3) The Council shall motion for a by-election according to rules set by this Ordinance, shall there be a vacancy of an office of a Faculty Member after the first day of the month of March or the end of an annual election (whichever comes later).
- (4) In relation to a Faculty Member, the Council shall motion for a by-election according to rules set by this Ordinance, shall there be a vacancy of an office of a Faculty Member following an approval of resignation or termination of the term of a Student Member by the Senate on or before the thirty-first day of the month of August.
- (5) In relation to a Faculty Member, a by-election by the Council shall not be necessary, shall there be a vacancy of an office of a Faculty Member following an approval of resignation or termination of the term of a Student Member by the Senate after the thirty-first day of the month of August.

Section 3: Election Procedures of a Faculty Member

11. Determination of Faculty Assignment

- (1) A full-time undergraduate student shall be assigned to a Faculty according to his major programme.
- (2) A full-time postgraduate student shall be assigned to a Faculty according to his field of research.
- (3) For the purpose of an election, a person shall not be a candidate or voter in more than one Faculty.
- (4) For the purpose of an election, a student affiliated to more than one Faculties shall be assigned to one Faculty by the Election Committee after consulting the Registrar and the Dean of the respective Faculty, in order that the student shall be eligible as a candidate and a voter in the assigned Faculty. The Decision of the Election Committee shall be final.
- (5) With regards to rule (1), the definition of “major programme” shall be the same as the definition in “General Regulations Governing Full-time Undergraduate Studies”; With regards to rule (2), the definition of “programme” shall be the same as the definition in the “Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong”.

12. Executive Organisation of an Election

An executive organisation assigned by the Council shall be responsible for an annual election and a by-election of a Faculty Member.

13. Eligibility for Nomination as a Candidate for an Office of a Faculty Member

Only a student of the affiliated Faculty shall be eligible for nomination as a candidate for an office of a Faculty Member of the respective Faculty.

14. Ineligibility for Nomination as a Candidate for an Office of a Faculty Member

In the event of the following, a person shall be ineligible for nomination as a candidate for an office of a Faculty Member:

- (1) A person who is currently in an office of Student Member of the Senate for the second consecutive term as an Ex-officio Member, a College Member, or a Faculty Member;
- (2) A person who is a member of an executive organisation for an election.

15. Nomination

- (1) A person qualified for a nomination shall be supported by a proposer, a seconder and no less than twenty countersigners.
- (2) A proposer, a seconder and a countersigner shall be a student of the respective Faculty.
- (3) A candidate shall only submit one nomination form for an election of an office.

16. Period of Nomination of an Annual Election

A period of nomination of an annual election shall start on the first day of the month of October, and end on the first teaching day after the fifteenth day of the month of January in the following calendar year.

17. Form and Validity of an Election

- (1) Secret ballot votes shall be cast by all students of the respective Faculty of a candidate.
- (2) An election shall be valid with votes from no less than one-tenth of students of the respective Faculty of a candidate.

18. Mechanism of Voting

- (1) In the event of an election with only one candidate, the vote shall be a vote of confidence; A candidate shall be elected provided that the number of votes of confidence is more than a half of all valid votes, otherwise he shall be declared as not elected.
- (2) In the event of an election with more than one candidate, the vote shall have options of each candidate, in which a voter shall only vote for one candidate. The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be elected.

19. Eligibility of a Student-Member-Elect to Assume an Office

- (1) A Student-Member-Elect shall assume an office of a Student Member of the Senate, according to the conditions set by Article 13 (Qualification of Nomination of a Candidate for an Office of a Faculty Member) of this Ordinance.
- (2) Should a Student-Member-Elect assume an office of an Ex-officio Member, according to Rule (2) of Article 10 (Solutions for the Vacancy of an Office of a Student Member) of this Ordinance, he shall not assume an office of a Faculty Member, and the Council shall declare the respective office of the Faculty Member as vacant.

20. Solution for an Election without an Elected Candidate

Should there be an election without an elected candidate after voting, or a Student-Member-Elect is disqualified to assume office, the Council may motion for a by-election, according to the rules set by Article 21 (By-election) of this Ordinance.

21. By-election

- (1) Should there be an election without an elected candidate, or a Student-Member-Elect is disqualified to assume office, or a vacancy of an office of a Faculty Member and meeting the conditions set by Rule (3) and (4) of Article 10 (Solutions for the Vacancy of an Office of a Student Member) of this Ordinance, the Council may motion for assigning a by-election executive organisation for the procedures of a by-election of the respective office.
- (2) A by-election executive organisation shall announce a period of nomination within seven days after a pass of a motion for a by-election in the Council; The period of nomination shall not be less than fourteen days. Public holidays, University holidays, tropical cyclone warning days or black rainstorm warning days shall not be included in a period of nomination.
- (3) A period of consultation, a period of voting and a period of complaint shall be in accordance with an Election Notice announced by a by-election executive organisation according to the "Election Ordinance".
- (4) The rules regarding an annual election of a Faculty Member shall also be valid in a by-election, unless otherwise announced in a Notice according to Rule (3) of this Article.

22. The "Election Ordinance" Shall Be Valid in an Election of a Faculty Member

Any other rules regulating an election in the "Election Ordinance" shall be valid in an election of a Faculty Member.

Section 4: Amendments of Enactments**23. Amending the "Election Ordinance"**

"Election Ordinance, The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong" is amended as set out in Article 24 and 25.

24. Amending Article 8 (Rules for the Election of Elected Student Members of the Senate)

- (1) "However, a countersigner shall not express his support for more than one candidate" in Rule (1) of Article 8 **is now amended as** "Any qualified voter shall only sign on one nomination form as the role of either a proposer, a seconder or a countersigner in an election. A candidate shall not be a proposer, a seconder or a countersigner of his own."
- (2) **Appending** the following phrase in front of the original Rule (1) of Article 8:
"1. A period of nomination of an annual election for an Elected Student Member of the Senate shall be from the first day of the month of October until the first

teaching day after the fifteenth day of the month of January in the next calendar year.”.

25. Miscellaneous Amendments

The article numbers in the “Election Ordinance” shall be amended with regards to the Articles appended and repealed according to this Ordinance.

Section 5: Other Articles**26. Repealed Provisions**

The “Constitution of Student Members of the University Senate” (12 October 2003) shall no longer be in force since this Ordinance be in force.

27. Commencement and Amendments

- (1) This Ordinance and any amendments shall take effect, upon approval by the Council of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and The Chinese University of Hong Kong Senate.
- (2) This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publication.

28. Interpretation

- (1) The judiciary of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong shall have the final authority of interpretation of this Ordinance.
- (2) A copy of an Interpretation of this Ordinance by the judiciary shall be sent to the Senate for reference.

29. Conflict

In the case of a conflict, the “Constitution of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong” shall prevail.

Note: The English Translation is for reference only.