

The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong
The Constitution of The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong

(Amended by a resolution of the Referendum dated 25th March 2016)

Chapter I: General

1. Name and Aims

For the unity of the student body, students of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, who advocate for democracy and autonomy, pursue moral, intellectual, physical, social and aesthetic development, welfare betterment, improved communication between students and the University, and contribution to society. The Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (hereinafter “the Union”) is therefore founded.

2. Organization

The Union shall be constituted by the Student Unions of constituent colleges of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. In dealing with matters concerning the Union, the General Meeting, the Joint Conference, The Council, the Judicial Committee, the Executive Committee, the Student Press Publication Committee and the Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board shall abide by the Constitution.

3. Authority and Obligations

- (A) The Union shall possess Exclusive Power which is jointly conferred by the Student Unions of the constituent colleges, to participate in affairs of the Hong Kong Federation of Students including external delegation, issue of statements and collection of Subscriptions.
- (B) The Union and the Student Unions of constituent colleges of the Chinese University of Hong Kong shall share a Concurrent Power of the membership welfare. The Student Unions of constituent colleges shall exercise the power preceding the Union, but in case of any incompatible actions with the Union, the Student Unions of constituent colleges shall cease their exercise.
- (C) The Union shall assist the Student Unions of constituent colleges to resolve their difficulties, and the Student Unions of constituent colleges are also obliged to assist in the Union’s affairs.

4. Venue

The Union shall be located in the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

5. Official Language

Chinese shall be the official language of the Union.

Chapter II: Membership

6. Full Membership

(A) Qualifications

- (1) All full-time undergraduate students of the Chinese University of Hong Kong shall be Full Members of the Union.
- (2) Any person having obtained the status of External Student as defined by the Chinese University of Hong Kong shall not become a Full Member.

(B) Rights

- (1) Full Members shall enjoy rights of election, nomination, initiative, referendum and recall.
- (2) Full Members shall attend functions and activities arranged by the Union, and enjoy all its welfare and facilities.

(C) Obligation

Full Members are obligated to abide by the Constitution of the Union.

7. Associate and Honorary Membership

(A) Associate Membership

(1) Qualifications

Any person with a student status of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, excluding Full Members, shall obtain approval from The Council in order to be eligible for Associate Membership of the Union.

(2) Rights

Associate Members shall attend functions and activities arranged by the Union, and enjoy all its welfare and facilities.

(3) Obligation

Associate Members shall abide by the Constitution of the Union.

(B) Honorary Membership

(1) Qualifications

The President, who has contribution to the Union, shall be conferred Honorary Membership of the Union upon endorsement of above two-thirds of all Members of The Council.

(2) Obligation

Honorary Members shall abide by the Constitution of the Union.

Chapter III: Referendum

8. Definition

The Referendum shall be the only procedure for Full Members to exercise their rights of election, initiative and recall.

9. Authority

A motion passed in the Referendum shall possess the highest authority within the Union.

10. Procedures

If any of the below conditions is fulfilled, a referendum notice specifying the arrangement must be released by The Council within one week, and immediately followed by a poll within two weeks (In the case of recalling the whole Council, the President shall preside).

1. That no less than one-twentieth of all Full Members subscribes to a requisition;
2. That a request is resolved by General Meeting;
3. That a request is resolved by Joint Conference;
4. That a request is resolved by The Council;
5. That a request is resolved by Executive Committee, following a requisition signed by no less than one-fortieth of all Full Members.

Voting Method:

All Members shall vote by secret ballot.

Quorum:

A Referendum shall be declared valid only if the affirmative votes exceed one-sixth of votes from all Full Members.

Voting:

The motion shall be carried when affirmative votes constitute more than one half of the total votes.

Voting Results:

The Council must announce voting results within twenty-four hours after the Referendum. The motion which fails to meet the quorum, shall be withdrawn automatically.

Chapter IV: General Meeting**11. Authority and Obligations**

- (A) The General Meeting shall be a decision-making authority prior to the Referendum.
- (B) The Joint Conference, The Council, the Executive Committee, the Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee and the Campus Radio shall comply with the resolutions of General Meeting, which are authorized to overrule any previous orders from the Judicial Committee.
- (C) The General Meeting shall refer to irregular meetings that handle urgent and important matters excluding elections, recalls and constitutional amendments.

12. Organization

- (A) All Members shall be eligible to attend the General Meeting.
- (B) All Full Members shall be eligible to vote.
- (C) Both the Chairperson and Secretary-general of The Council shall enjoy the respective official status in the Meeting.

13. Procedures

- (A) If any of the below conditions is fulfilled, the Chairperson of The Council must convene the General Meeting.
 - (1) That no less than one-fortieth of all Full Members subscribes to a requisition;
 - (2) That a request is resolved by Joint Conference;
 - (3) That a request is resolved by The Council;
 - (4) That a request is resolved by Executive Committee.
- (B) For a requisition to convene the General Meeting by the method prescribed by subparagraph (A)(1), the following provisions shall apply:
 - (1) There shall be at least one but no more than five proposers in the requisition.
 - (2) Proposers must state in the requisition paper the details of the Proposed Subject to be discussed.
 - (3) Proposers shall draft the Agenda pursuant to the Proposed Subject specified in coordination with the Chairperson of The Council, who however reserves the final discretion as for the Agenda.
 - (4) The Meeting shall be held at a time no earlier than the third working day but no later than the fifth after the release of its meeting notice.
- (C) Meetings
 - (1) One-tenth of Full Members constitutes a quorum. If a quorum is still absent after thirty minutes of the scheduled meeting time, the presiding officer must adjourn the General Meeting owing to lack of quorum, and the unfinished agenda shall be referred to The Council for consideration.
 - (2) No alteration to the Agenda is permissible unless within the scope of the Proposed Subject specified in the requisition paper.
 - (3) For a motion to be made, a quorum of one Mover and twenty Seconders are required.
 - (4) Motion shall be passed only if more than two-thirds of Members present vote affirmatively and the number of affirmative votes exceeds one half of the quorum.
 - (5) If a quorum ceases to present at any time during a sitting, further proceedings shall still be continued unless objected by any person present, in case of which the sitting shall proceed only if the number of consenting Members exceeds one half of the quorum. If the number of Members present is less than one half of the quorum, the presiding officer must adjourn the General Meeting.

- (6) Any unfinished agenda at the General Meeting shall be adjourned to a resumed sitting, except when the General Meeting is adjourned owing to absence of quorum in case of which such unfinished agenda must be referred to The Council for consideration.

Chapter V: Joint Conference

14. Authority and Obligations

- (A) The Joint Conference shall be a decision-making authority prior to the Referendum and the General Meeting.
- (B) The Joint Conference shall refer to irregular meetings to handle matters of urgency and high importance.
- (C) The Executive Committee, the Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee and the CU Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board shall abide by the resolutions of Joint Conference.
- (D) The power to veto any motion passed by The Council shall be vested in The Joint Conference.

15. Organization

- (A) Members of Joint Conference shall be:
 - (1) All Members of The Council;
 - (2) President of the Executive Committee, and no less than two and no more than seven Elected Officers designated by him (the Vice President and the External Vice President if no designation being made);
 - (3) Editor-in-chief of the CU Student Press, and no less than two and no more than seven Members of Publication Committee designated by him (the two Deputy Editors-in-chief if no designation being made);
 - (4) Director of the Campus Radio, and no less than two and no more than seven Members of Editorial Board designated by him (the Deputy Director and the External Deputy Director if no designation being made).
- (B) Both the Chairperson and Secretary-general of The Council shall enjoy the respective official status in the Conference.

16. Meetings

- (A) The Chairperson of The Council shall convene the Joint Conference, when resolved by The Council or deemed necessary by the Chairperson, or at the request of the Executive Committee, or at the requisition of one-fourth of Members of Joint Conference.
- (B) Notice shall be given twenty-four hours prior to the meeting, together with its Agenda to all Members of the Joint Conference and the Union.

- (C) Two-thirds of its Members constitutes a quorum. If a quorum is still not fulfilled after thirty minutes of the scheduled meeting, the presiding officer must adjourn the Joint Conference owing to lack of quorum, and the unfinished agenda are to be referred to The Council for consideration.
- (D) For the passing of any motion, m affirmative votes of two-third of the all members are required.
- (E) If The Council falls vacant, the President shall convene the Joint Conference and preside over the meeting. If the position of President also falls vacant, the immediate past Chairperson of The Council shall convene the Joint Conference and preside over the meeting.

Chapter VI: The Council

17. Authority and Obligations

- (A) As the supreme legislative, The Council shall be the scrutinizing and democratically representative body of the Union.
- (B) To scrutinize and pass any proposal, Plan, Budget, Financial Statement or Report of the Executive Committee, Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee and Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board.
- (C) To be responsible for the Annual Plan and Annual Budget of the Executive Committee, Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee and Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board within ten days upon receipt.
- (D) To preside over the elections of the Executive Committee, Elected Members of the Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee and Elected Members of the Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board.
- (E) To preside over the election of Members in The Council.
- (F) To stage Referendums.
- (G) To receive opinions and complaints from Full Members.
- (H) To endorse any Public Statement issued by or any External Action conducted by the Executive Committee, the Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee or the Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board; a prior notification of such Statement or Action must also be given to Chairperson or Vice-chairperson of The Council.
- (I) To appoint the Members of the Judicial Committee on the recommendation of the the Judicial Appointment Commission, and to temporarily exercise the judicial functions of the Judicial Committee if the number of its Members falls below seven.

18. Organization**(A) Composition**

- (1) Of each constituent college of the Student Union, the president or an Executive Committee member appointed by the president shall be an Official Member.
- (2) The Student Union of each constituent college or any equivalent presiding body shall be an Official Member in The Council.
- (3) The available seats of Elected Members for each Constituent College shall be determined by the student number of that college: -
 - a. For a college with no more than 800 students: maximum of two seats;
 - b. For a college with student number between 800 and 1600: maximum of three seats;
 - c. For a college with more than 1600 students: maximum of four seats;

All Elected Members for a Constituent College must be voted by all Full Members from that college, but when the number of Elected Members returned is less than total number of seats for that Constituent College, The Council or equivalent body of the Constituent College can appoint not more than one Full Member from that college as additional Appointed Member.

- (4) Once returned or appointed, no Member shall be withdrawn or substituted without consent from the Council.

(B) The Official Committee of The Council

- (1) Members of The Council shall be elected from amongst themselves, namely one Chairperson, one Vice-chairperson, one Secretary-general and no less than one but no more than three General Officers. No person shall take more than one of the above offices. All of the Council Members shall constitute the Official Committee of The Council.
- (2) The Chairperson of The Council shall exercise the following powers and functions pursuant to the Constitution: to convene and preside over the General Meeting, the Joint Conference and The Council meeting; to formulate the Agenda of the Joint Conference and The Council on the recommendation of the Official Committee; to take charge of daily administrative works of The Council and represent the Council externally during adjournment; to exercise other powers and functions prescribed in the Standing Orders.
- (3) The Chairperson of The Council, when exercising his powers and functions, shall consult the Official Committee on a timely basis. If the Chairperson does not accept a majority opinion of the Official Committee, he must put the specific reasons on record and report those reasons at The Council's next meeting.

(C) The Council shall establish a Committee to assist in its affairs.

19. Term of Office

The term of office of The Council shall be one year, commencing on the first day of April each year and terminated on the thirty-first day of March of the next year.

20. Meetings**(A) Ordinary Meeting**

- (1) An Ordinary Meeting shall be called once every two months by the Chairperson.
- (2) Notice shall be given one week prior to the meeting, together with its Agenda to all Members of The Council and the Union.

(B) Extraordinary Meeting

- (1) An Extraordinary Meeting shall be called by the Chairperson at the requisition by more than ten Council Members, or when deemed necessary by the Executive Committee or the Chairperson.
- (2) Notice shall be given forty-eight hours prior to the meeting, beforehand together with its Agenda to all Members of The Council and the Union.

(C) Attendance and Quorum

- (1) All Members shall attend every meeting, unless otherwise permitted by the Official Committee.
- (2) The number of Members required to constitute a quorum of a particular meeting shall be determined by the highest number of one-half of total number of Council Members or two-thirds of Council Members except those permitted for absence of that meeting.

21. Vacancy

- (A) The Vice-chairperson shall become the Chairperson when the position of the Chairperson is vacant. When both the positions of Chairperson and Vice-chairperson are vacant, The Council shall elect again from among its Members to fill the vacancies.
- (B) When there are vacancies in the position of Council Members other than the Chairperson, The Council shall elect again from among its Members to fill the vacancies.
- (C) When there is any vacancy in the Representative of The Council, the Student Union concerned shall hold fresh election or make new appointment to fill the vacancy.

22. Resignation

The resignation of a Representative of The Council takes effect after being endorsed by two-thirds votes of all Members. Notice must be given to all Members.

23. Appraisal Report

The Council shall submit an Appraisal Report regarding the works of the Executive Committee, the Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee and the Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board during its term to the next Council within two months of leaving office.

Chapter VII: Judicial Committee**24. Authority, Obligations and Aims**

- (A) The Judicial Committee shall be the supreme judiciary of the Union, whereas the Court of Appeal of the Judicial Committee shall be the body to exercise final adjudication as for all disputes within the Union.
- (B) The Judicial Committee and its Members must uphold the Constitution, safeguard the rights of Full Members and exercise their judicial functions independently of any external intervention.

25. Organization and Functions

- (A) There shall be at least seven Members of the Judicial Committee, one of which to be the Chief Justice of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee comprises a Court of First Instance and an Appellate Tribunal, for adjudication of fresh and appeal cases respectively.
- (B) Each Member of the Judicial Committee serves a two-year term which is not renewable.
- (C) The Chief Justice of the Judicial Committee shall : -
 - (1) be chosen by an election from among all sitting Members of the Judicial Committee witnessed by the Chairperson of The Council for a non-renewable one-year term;
 - (2) be the Head of Judiciary of the Union;
 - (3) be the Chairperson of the the Judicial Appointment Commission;
 - (4) convene and preside over the Judicial Committee meetings for considering the daily administrations of the Judicial Committee.
- (D) The Judicial Committee shall have jurisdiction over all disputes within the Union. When exercising its Jurisdiction, the Judicial Committee may make any Order it deems appropriate including the issuance of a Ruling that declares a legislative or an executive act as unconstitutional.
- (E) The respective terms of composition and scope of jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee, the Court of First Instance and the Court of Appeal of the Judicial Committee, and the respective procedures followed thereby, shall be prescribed by legislations.
- (F) All cases before the Judicial Committee must be heard inside campus of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, except cases related to contravention of human rights or the otherwise are required by the Hong Kong law.

26. Judicial Appointment Commission

- (A) The Judicial Appointment Commission shall be composed of the Chief Justice of the Judicial Committee and other Commissioners of the Judicial Committee, the head(s) of judiciary of the Student Union of constituent colleges and self-nominating Full Members, whereas all members of The Council, Executive Committee,

- CU Student Press Publication Board and Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board shall not nominate oneself as a Member. The terms of composition of the Commission and the procedures followed thereby shall be prescribed by legislations.
- (B) When there are insufficient Members of the Judicial Committee to fill the corresponding positions in the Commission, the vacancies shall be filled by Members of The Council by drawing lots, excluding any Member who concurrently is the head(s) of judiciary of the Student Union of constituent colleges.
 - (C) When the Chief Justice of the Judicial Committee is vacant, the Chairperson of The Council shall become the Acting Chairperson of the Commission.
 - (D) *[Appointment of Member of the Judicial Committee]*
 - (1) The Commission must open the Appointment of Member of the Judicial Committee every three months.
 - (2) Except when there are fewer than seven Members of the Judicial Committee, the Commission may not open Appointment at other time.
 - (3) When the number of Members of the Judicial Committee becomes less than seven, the Commission must open the Appointment of Member of the Judicial Committee within seven days.

27. Appointment to Judicial Committee

- (A) When the Chief Justice of the Judicial Committee is vacant, the sitting Members of the Judicial Committee shall elect from among themselves to fill the vacancy.
- (B) The Judicial Appointment Commission shall nominate appointees to The Council. The Council shall convene a meeting and endorse the appointment by two-third votes of its Members present, after which the President shall counter-sign for confirming the appointment.
- (C) When the number of Commissioners of the Judicial Committee is less than seven, its judicial functions except that of electing the Chief Justice of the Judicial Committee and that of becoming Commissioners of the Judicial Appointment Commission shall be temporarily transferred to The Council; in such event, The Council must make additional appointments of Members the Judicial Committee as quickly as feasible pursuant to Clause 27(B).

28. Resignation

The resignation of a Member of the Judicial Committee takes effect with the consent of the Chief Justice of the Judicial Committee and endorsement by The Council. Notice must be given to all Members.

29. Annual Report

The Judicial Committee must submit an Annual Report dated the last day of March to The Council no later than the thirty-first day of May each year.

Chapter VIII: Executive Committee

30. Authority and Obligations

The Executive Committee shall be the supreme executive body of the Union and to be held accountable to The Council and all Full Members.

31. Organization and Functions

(A) There shall be no less than ten but no more than fifteen Elected Officers of the Executive Committee (one President, one Vice President, one External Vice President, one Internal Secretary, one External Secretary, one Financial Secretary, one Welfare Secretary and no less than three but no more than eight Executive Secretaries). Elected Officers shall be returned as a full cabinet by a popular vote at the Referendum, amongst whom there shall be at least two-thirds of Full Members from all the Student Unions of constituent colleges. The function of each position is as follows: -

President	(A) To be the Chief Executive Officer of the Union; (B) To preside over the Executive Committee; (C) To represent the Union externally.
Vice President:	To assist the President in all matters.
External Vice President:	To assist the President in matters relating to external affairs.
Internal Secretary:	To be responsible for all matters relating to documents, archives, minutes and publication; and to assist the President.
External Secretary:	To be responsible for all matters relating to communications, external relations and current affairs; and to assist the President.
Financial Secretary:	To be responsible for all financial matters.
Welfare Secretary:	To be responsible for all welfare matters.
Executive Secretaries:	To be responsible for all matters relating to the Union.

(B) Non-executive Officers

The Executive Committee may recommend any Full Members as Non-executive Officers to The Council for its appointment.

(C) There shall be committees of the Executive Committee to assist in its works, each member of which must be a Full Member.

Standing Committee:	President (Chair), Internal Secretary (Secretary) and all Elected Officers (Members).
Internal Affair Committee:	Vice President (Chair), Internal Secretary (Secretary) and Members recommended by the Executive Committee and appointed by The Council.

External Affair Committee:	External Vice President (Chair), External Secretary (Secretary) and Members recommended by the Executive Committee and appointed by The Council.
Committee for Finance:	President (Chair), Financial Secretary (Secretary) and Members recommended by the Executive Committee and appointed by The Council.
Committee for Welfare:	Welfare Secretary (Chair) and Members recommended by the Executive Committee and appointed by The Council.
Other committees:	Its Chairperson (who shall also be an Elected Officer) and Members shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and appointed by The Council.

32. Term of Office

The term of office shall be one year, commencing on the first day of March each year and terminated on the last day of February of the next year.

33. Meetings

(A) Ordinary Meeting

- (1) An Ordinary Meeting shall be called once every month by the President.
- (2) Meeting notice must be given seventy-two hours beforehand together with its Agenda to all Officers and all Members of the Union.

(B) Extraordinary Meeting

- (1) An Extraordinary Meeting shall be called by the President at the requisition by more than three Officers, or when the President deems it necessary.
- (2) Meeting notice must be given twenty-four hours beforehand together with its Agenda all Officers and all Members of the Union.

(C) Quorum

Two-thirds of Elected Officers constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

34. Vacancy

- (A) When the position of President is vacant, the Vice President shall become the President. When the positions of President and Vice President are vacant at the same time, the External Vice President shall become the President. In the event of vacancy in other positions than President, the Executive Committee shall nominate an Elected Officer, whereas the nomination must be passed by two-third votes of all Members of The Council before taking effect. Amongst the Executive Committee, there must still be at least two-thirds of Full Members from the Student Unions of all constituent colleges.

- (B) If, of the original cabinet in election, all three of President, Vice President and External Vice President or at least one half of Elected Officers have vacated their offices, the Executive Committee shall be dissolved. When the Executive Committee is dissolved or no Executive Committee is elected after the commencement of a term, its functions shall be temporarily transferred to The Council, and the Chairperson of The Council shall resume as the Acting President, until a new Executive Committee is elected.

35. Resignation

The resignation of an Elected Officer takes effect after being endorsed by two-thirds votes of all Elected Officers and by two-thirds votes of all Members of The Council thereafter. Notice must be given to all Members.

36. Annual Plan

The Executive Committee shall submit its Annual Plan to The Council within one month of assuming office.

37. Annual Report

The Executive Committee shall submit its Annual Report to The Council within one month of leaving office.

Chapter IX: Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee

38. Authority and Obligations

- (A) To take charge of the publication of the CU Student Press, the editorial policies of which shall be proposed by the nominated editors during the election campaign, and to be held accountable to The Council and all Full Members.
- (B) To report the student opinions and university policies, as well as student activities.

39. Organization

- (A) Elected Members:
There shall be no less than eight but no more than twelve Elected Members of Publication Committee (one Editor-in-chief, two Deputy Editors-in-chief, two Executive Editors, one Secretary, one Treasurer and no less than one but no more than five Information Officers). Elected Members shall be returned as a full cabinet by a popular vote at the Referendum, amongst whom there shall be Full Members from the Student Unions of all constituent colleges.
- (B) The function of each position is as follows: -
 - Editor-in-chief:
 - (A) To be the person-in-charge of the Publication Committee;
 - (B) To preside over the Committee;
 - (C) To represent the Committee externally.

Deputy Editor-in-chief:	To assist the Editor-in-chief in all matters.
Executive Editor:	To be responsible for all matters relating to publication.
Secretary:	To be responsible for all secretarial matters.
Treasurer:	To be responsible for all financial matters.
Information Officer:	To take charge of the Union's Information Centre; and to be responsible for all matters relating to the Committee's information.

- (C) Appointed Members: to be recommended by Elected Members and appointed by The Council.

40. Term of Office

The term of office shall be one year, commencing on the first day of March each year and terminated on the last day of February of the next year.

41. Meetings

- (A) Ordinary Meeting
- (1) An Ordinary Meeting shall be called once every month by the Editor-in-chief.
 - (2) Meeting notice must be given seventy-two hours beforehand together with its Agenda to all Committee Members and all Members of the Union.
- (B) Extraordinary Meeting
- (1) An Extraordinary Meeting shall be called by the Editor-in-chief at the requisition by more than three Committee Members, or when the Editor-in-chief deems it necessary.
 - (2) Meeting notice must be given twenty-four hours beforehand together with its Agenda to all Committee Members and Members of the Union.
- (C) Quorum
- Two-thirds of the Committee Members constitute a quorum of the Publication Committee.

42. Vacancy

- (A) When the position of Editor-in-chief is vacant, one of the Deputy Editors-in-chief shall become the Editor-in-chief. When the position of Deputy Editor-in-chief is vacant, one of the Executive Editors shall become the Deputy Editor-in-chief. In the event of vacancy in other Elected Member positions, the Publication Committee shall nominate an Elected Member, whereas the nomination must be passed by two-third votes of all Members of The Council before taking effect. Amongst the Publication Committee, there must still be Full Members from the Student Unions of all constituent colleges.
- (B) If, of the original cabinet in election, all three of Editor-in-chief and Deputy Editors-in-chief or at least one half of Elected Members have vacated their offices, the Publication Committee shall be dissolved.

43. Resignation

- (A) The resignation of an Elected Member takes effect after being endorsed by two-thirds votes of all Members of Publication Committee and by two-thirds votes of all Members of The Council. Notice must be given to all Members.
- (B) The resignation of an Appointed Member takes effect after being endorsed by the Publication Committee and then by The Council. Notice must be given to all Members.

44. Annual Plan

The Publication Committee shall submit its Annual Plan to The Council within one month of assuming office.

45. Annual Report

The Publication Committee shall submit its Annual Report to The Council within one month of leaving office.

Chapter X: Chinese University Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board

46. Authority and Obligations

- (A) To take charge of the production of radio programmes, the editorial policies of which shall be proposed by the nominated editors during the election campaign, and to be held accountable to The Council and all Full Members.
- (B) To report the student opinions and university policies, as well as student activities.
- (C) To endeavour to obtain a Broadcast Radio Station Licence, and to set up a Radio Station.

47. Organization

- (A) The Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board shall be composed of Elected Members and Appointed Members.
- (B) Elected Members:
There shall be no less than ten but no more than twelve Elected Members of Editorial Board (one Director, two Deputy Directors and no less than two but no more than four Programme Producers). Elected Members shall be returned as a full cabinet by a popular vote at the Referendum, amongst whom there shall be at least two-thirds of Full Members from the Student Unions of all constituent colleges.
- (C) The function of each position is as follows: -

Director	(A) To be the person-in-charge of the Editorial Board;
	(B) To preside over the Editorial Board;
	(C) To represent the Editorial Board externally.
Deputy Director:	To assist the Director in all matters.
External Deputy Director:	To assist the Director in all external matters.

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| Programme Producer: | To be responsible for all matters relating to programme production. |
| Secretary: | To be responsible for all secretarial matters. |
| Treasurer: | To be responsible for all financial matters. |
| Technical Officer: | To be responsible for all technical matters; and to form a Technical Team. |
| Publicity Officer: | To be responsible for all publicity matters. |
| Network Manager: | To be responsible for all matters relating to network management. |
- (D) Appointed Members: to be recommended by Elected Members and appointed by The Council.

48. Term of Office

The term of office shall be one year, commencing on the first day of March each year and terminated on the last day of February of the next year.

49. Meetings

- (A) Ordinary Meeting
- (1) An Ordinary Meeting shall be called once every month by the Director.
 - (2) Meeting notice must be given seventy-two hours beforehand together with its Agenda to all Board Members and all Members of the Union.
- (B) Extraordinary Meeting
- (1) An Extraordinary Meeting shall be called by the Director at the requisition by more than three Board Members, or when the Director deems it necessary.
 - (2) Meeting notice must be given twenty-four hours beforehand together with its Agenda to all Board Members and all Members of the Union.
- (C) Quorum
- Two-thirds of the Board Members constitute a quorum of the Editorial Board.

50. Vacancy

- (A) When the position of Director is vacant, one of the Deputy Directors shall become the Director. When the position of Deputy Director or External Deputy Director is vacant, one of the Programme Producers shall become the Deputy Director. In the event of vacancy in other Elected Member positions, the Editorial Board shall nominate an Elected Member, whereas the nomination must be passed by two-third votes of all Member of The Council before taking effect. Amongst Editorial Board, there shall still be at least two-thirds of Full Members from the Student Unions of all constituent colleges.
- (B) If, of the original cabinet in election, all three of Director and Deputy Directors or at least one half of Elected Members have vacated their offices, the Editorial Board shall be dissolved.

51. Resignation

- (A) The resignation of an Elected Member takes effect after being endorsed by two-thirds votes of all Members of Editorial Board and then by two-thirds votes of all Members of The Council. Notice must be given to all Members.
- (B) The resignation of an Appointed Member takes effect after being endorsed by the Editorial Board and then by The Council. Notice must be given to all Members.

52. Annual Plan

The Editorial Board shall submit its Annual Plan to The Council within one month of assuming office.

53. Annual Report

The Editorial Board shall submit its Annual Report to The Council within one month of leaving office.

Chapter XI: Punishment**54. Impeachment**

- (A) If The Council commits infringement of the Constitution or dereliction of duty, and such allegation is found proven by the Judicial Committee upon investigation, the Referendum shall be resolved to impeach The Council.
- (B) If a Member or an Officer of The Council, an Elected Officer of the Executive Committee, an Elected Member of the Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee or an Elected Member of the Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board commits infringement of constitution or dereliction of duty, and such allegation is found proven by the Judicial Committee upon investigation, The Council shall be resolved with no less than two-thirds of all its Members concurring to impeach the accused officeholder.

55. Removal from Judicial Committee

- (A) If the Chief Justice of the Judicial Committee allegedly commits a serious misfeasance, the Chairperson of The Council must appoint an Independent Investigative Task Force for carrying out an investigation. If any other Members of Judicial Committee allegedly commit a serious misfeasance, the Chief Justice of the Judicial Committee must appoint an Independent Investigative Task Force mainly composed of Members of the Judicial Committee for carrying out an investigation.
- (B) If the Independent Investigative Task Force finds the charges of serious misfeasance proven and recommends the accused to be removed, The Council shall be resolved accordingly with no less than two-thirds of all its Members concurring to remove the accused Member of the Judicial Committee from office.

56. Recall and Disqualification from Office

- (A) The Referendum possesses the authority to recall any Members of The Council, Members of the Judicial Committee, Elected Officers of the Executive Committee, Elected Members of the Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee and Elected Members of the Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board.
- (B) The Council shall recall any Officers of The Council from its position if no less two-thirds of Members of The Council consent, but such resolution to recall shall not affect his original Membership in the Council.
- (C) When any Members of The Council, Members of Judicial Committee, of the Executive Committee, of the Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee and of the Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board cease to be Full Members upon graduation, withdrawal from studies or other reasons, they must be immediately disqualified from holding the office. Nevertheless, this shall not apply to those suspended from studies temporarily.
- (D) When a Member of The Council commits no less than four unexcused absences from sittings and resumed sittings of The Council or sittings of the Joint Conference and fails to provide justifiable reasons, the Chairperson of The Council shall declare that the Member is no longer qualified for the position and notify in writing the Student Union of the constituent college from which that Member was originally returned.

Chapter XII: Finance**57. Financial Year**

A Financial Year of the Union shall commence on the first day of March each year and to be terminated on the last day of February of the next year.

58. Membership Fee

- (A) Annual Membership Fees
 - (1) Full Member: Each Full Member shall pay a fee of one hundred Hong Kong dollars per annum.
 - (2) Associate Member: Each Associate Member shall pay a fee of one hundred and twenty Hong Kong dollars per annum.
- (B) Entrance Fees

Each new Full member shall pay an entrance fee of thirty Hong Kong dollars and such payments shall be transferred to the Student Union Fund.

59. Budget

- (A) The Executive Committee, the Student Press and the Campus Radio shall submit the Union Annual Budgets to The Council within one month of assuming office.

- (B) The Finance Committee of The Council shall draft and submit an Annual Budget of The Council for the approval of The Council within three months of assuming office.
- (C) The Judicial Committee shall submit its Annual Budget for the current Financial Year to The Council for its approval no later than the thirtieth day of April each year.

60. Financial Statement

- (A) The Council, the Judicial Committee, the Executive Committee, the Student Press and the Campus Radio shall submit their Half-Year Financial Statements to The Council within September.
- (B) The Executive Committee, the Student Press and the Campus Radio shall submit their Annual Financial Statements to The Council within the two months of leaving office. The Finance Committee of The Council shall submit the Annual Financial Statement of The Council to The Council for its approval within two months of leaving office, whereas the Judicial Committee shall submit its Annual Financial Report ended on February to The Council for its approval no later than the thirty-first day of May each year.

61. Finance Committee

- (A) Functions
To examine all financial matters of the Union and to held directly accountable to The Council.
- (B) Organization
 - (1) It shall be composed of at least five members chosen from the Members of The Council.
 - (2) There shall be a Financial Adviser chosen by The Council from the Staff of the University.

Chapter XIII: Interim Executive Committee Officers

62. Interim Executive Committee and Task Force

When the Executive Committee, Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee or the Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board becomes vacant, The Council shall appoint the respective Interim Executive Committees and various dedicated Task Forces to deal with daily administrations.

63. Functions

- (A) To sustain the essential functions of the Student Union and liaise with external bodies during the vacancy of the Executive Committee. The term of office shall expire when a new Executive Committee assumes office.
- (B) To sustain the management of the office of the Chinese University Student Press during the vacancy of the Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee. The term of office shall expire when a new Publication Committee assumes office.

- (C) To sustain the management of the office of the Campus Radio during the vacancy of the Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board. The term of office shall expire when a new Editorial Board assumes office.
- (D) A Task Force shall be responsible for a particular task during the vacancy of the Executive Committee. The scope of functions and term of office shall be specified when being established. Prior notification must be given to the Chairperson or the Vice-chairperson of The Council when such Task Force issues a Public Statement or conducts an External Action. Any such statements or actions shall be passed by The Council afterwards, whereas The Council may impose additional restrictions thereupon.
- (E) The Interim Executive Committees and Task Forces shall abide by the resolutions of The Council.

64. Organization

An Interim Executive Committee shall include the Chair, the Deputy Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the General Officer.

65. Resignation

The resignation by an Interim Executive Committee or a Task Force, a resignation or substitution of members thereof, must be endorsed by The Council. The Council shall also at any time dissolve or reorganise these bodies.

66. Report and Financial Statement

The Interim Executive Committees or Task Forces shall submit its Reports and Financial Statements to The Council within two months of leaving office.

Chapter XIV: Elections

67. Election Committee

The preparatory works for the elections of the Executive Committee, the Elected Members of the Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee and the Elected Members of the Chinese University Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board shall be carried out by an Election Committee appointed by The Council.

68. Executive Committee Election

- (A) For the election of the Executive Committee, the nomination period commences on the first day of October. If no valid nomination is received by the fifteenth day of November, all election businesses except the acceptance of nominations must be suspended. Those businesses shall continue upon the commencement of the next semester until the expiration of the term of the Election Committee.

- (B) Any fifteen Full Members may form a Nominated Cabinet, which must assign its choice of nominees for the President, the Vice President, the External Vice President and other positions from among its own members. The nominations shall be valid only if the Cabinet includes at least two-thirds of Full Members from the Student Unions of all constituent colleges, and each member secures one nominator, one seconder and subscriptions of twenty Full Members supporting his Cabinet, whereas subscribers shall not subscribe for support for more than one member from the same Nominated Cabinet.
- (C) If no valid nomination is received by the thirty-first day of October, the Election Committee shall continue to accept nominations but pursuant to Clause (D) beginning from the first day of November.
- (D) Any no less than ten but no more than fifteen Full Members shall form a partial Nominated Cabinet under the circumstances prescribed by Clause (C), which must include nominees for a President, a Vice President, an External Vice President, an Internal Secretary and a Financial Secretary and must designate the nominated positions for other members, whereas there must be another member designated to act in each unfilled position. The nominations shall be valid only if the Cabinet includes at least two-thirds of Full Members from the Student Unions of all constituent colleges, and each member secures one nominator, one seconder and subscriptions of twenty Full Members supporting his Cabinet, whereas subscribers shall not subscribe for support for more than one member from the same Nominated Cabinet.
- (E) The Election shall be conducted as a Referendum of all Full Members. The Nominated Cabinet with the highest number of votes shall be elected, whereas when only one Cabinet is nominated, a vote of confidence shall be adopted alternatively in which the Nominated Cabinet which secures a number of affirmative votes exceeding one-half of number of valid votes shall be declared elected.

69. Elected Members of Student Press Election

- (A) For the election of the Elected Members of the Student Press, the nomination period commences on the first day of October. If no valid nomination is received by the fifteenth day of November, all election businesses except the acceptance of nominations must be suspended. Those businesses shall continue upon the commencement of the next Semester until the expiration of the term of Election Committee.
- (B) Any no less than eight and no more than twelve Full Members shall form a Nominated Cabinet, which must assign its choice of nominees for the Editor-in-chief, the Deputy Editors-in-chief and the Executive Editors from among its own members. The nominations shall be valid only if the Cabinet includes at least two-thirds of Full Members from the Student Unions of all constituent colleges, and each member secures one nominator, one seconder and subscriptions of twenty Full Members supporting his Cabinet, whereas subscribers shall not subscribe for support for more than one member from the same Nominated Cabinet.

- (C) The Election shall be conducted as a Referendum of all Full Members. The Nominated Cabinet with the highest number of votes shall be elected, whereas when one Cabinet is nominated, a vote of confidence shall be adopted alternatively in which the Nominated Cabinet which secures a number of affirmative votes exceeding one-half of number of valid votes is declared elected.

70. Elected Members of Campus Radio Election

- (A) For the election of the Elected Member of the Campus Radio, the nomination period commences on the first day of October. If no valid nomination is received by the fifteenth day of November, all election businesses except the acceptance of nominations must be suspended. Those businesses shall continue upon the commencement of the next Semester until the expiration of the term of Election Committee.
- (B) Any no less than ten and no more than twelve Full Members shall form a Nominated Cabinet, which must assign its choice of nominees for the Director, the Deputy Directors and other editors from among its own members. The nominations shall be valid only if the Cabinet includes at least two-thirds of Full Members from the Student Unions of all constituent colleges, and each member secures one nominator, one seconder and subscriptions of twenty Full Members supporting his Cabinet, whereas subscribers may not subscribe for support for more than one member from the same Nominated Cabinet.
- (C) The Election shall be conducted as a Referendum of all Full Members. The Nominated Cabinet with the highest number of votes shall be elected, whereas when one Cabinet is nominated, a vote of confidence shall be adopted alternatively in which the Nominated Cabinet which secures a number of affirmative votes exceeding one-half of number of valid votes shall be declared elected.

Chapter XV: Patrons, Honorary President, Honorary Vice President and Honorary Advisers

71. Patrons, Honorary President, Honorary Vice President and Honorary Advisers

The Council shall nominate the Patron, the Honorary President, the Honorary Vice President, the Honorary Advisers, the Honorary Legal Adviser and the Honorary Financial Adviser for the conferment by the President.

Chapter XVI: Others**72. Concurrent Offices**

- (A) No member of the Union shall concurrently hold membership of more than one of the followings: The Council, the Judicial Committee, the Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee and the Chinese University Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board.
- (B) No member of the Judicial Committee, the Executive Committee, the Chinese University Student Press Publication Committee or the Chinese University Chinese University Campus Radio Editorial Board shall concurrently hold the position as an Executive of the Student Union of any constituent colleges.

73. Meeting Venues

All meetings of the Union shall take place inside the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

74. Constitutional Interpretation

The Judicial Committee shall be the body of final interpretation for the Constitution.

75. Constitutional Amendments

- (A) The Council shall consider any proposed amendments to the Constitution.
- (B) An Amendment of the Constitution shall be adopted at a Referendum after being consented by two-thirds of all Members of The Council.

76. Constitutional Contradictions

When any provision of the Constitution of the Student Union from any constituent college contravenes with this Union Constitution, the latter shall prevail.

77. The Standing Orders

The Standing Orders for the meetings of the Union shall be made and published by The Council.

78. The Supremacy of the Constitution

No legislations made by The Council shall contravene with this Union Constitution. Any expressed or implied provisions of the Union contravening with the Union Constitution must be declared invalidated.

79. Adoption of the Constitution

The provisions of the Union Constitution after being endorsed by all Full Members and consequently being ratified by the Council of the Chinese University of Hong Kong shall take effect from the day of announcement.

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