

CONSTITUTION

(as amended September, 1975)

1. Name:

The name of the Association shall be the Adelaide University Science Association.

2. Definitions:

Hereinafter:

- 2.1. "Association" shall mean the Adelaide University Science Association.
- 2.2. "C.S.C." shall mean the Clubs and Societies Council of the University of Adelaide.
- 2.3. "Union" shall mean the Adelaide University Union.
- 2.4. "Faculties" shall mean that portion of the University which is administered by the Faculties of Science and Mathematical Sciences of the University of Adelaide.
- 2.5. "N.S.S.A." shall mean the National Science Students' Association.
- 2.6. "Committee" shall mean the Committee of the Association.
- 2.7. The "Executive" shall mean the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Assistant Secretary and Hon. Assistant Treasurer.
- 2.8. "A.G.M." shall mean the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- 2.9. "Students' Association" shall mean the Students' Association of the University of Adelaide.

3. Objects:

The objects of the Association shall be:

- 3.1. to promote fellowship between members of the Faculties;
- 3.2. to encourage better formal and informal staff/student relations within the Faculties;
- 3.3. to promote inter-disciplinary scientific contact within and outside the Faculties;
- 3.4. to initiate such activities as shall from time to time be deemed desirable, provided that such activities shall not be contrary to this Constitution or the Constitution and Regulations of the Students' Association.

4. Affiliation:

The Association shall be affiliated with:

- 4.1. the C.S.C.;
- 4.2. the N.S.S.A.

5. Honours of the Association:

- 5.1. The Association may at the A.G.M. elect to Fellowship such persons as have furthered in an exceptional manner the aims and objects of the Association.
- 5.2. The Association may at the A.G.M. elect to Honorary Life Membership such persons as have given outstanding service to the Association.

6. Membership:

- 6.1. Full membership shall be open to all members of the academic staff of the University of Adelaide, graduates and undergraduates in science and mathematics, and all students who are enrolled in at least one subject prescribed for the ordinary degree in the schedules of the Bachelor of Science, who are members of the Union, and they shall be classified as Full Members upon payment of the Association membership fee.
- 6.2. Associate membership shall be open to all other persons and they shall be classed as Associate Members upon payment of the Association membership fee.
- 6.3. All academic staff members of the Faculties shall be Honorary Associate Members.

- 6.4.2. "Non-Voting Member" shall mean a member who is an Associate Member or and Honorary Associate Member;
- 6.4.3. "Member" shall mean a member who is either a Voting Member or a Non-Voting Member.

7. Committee:

The Committee shall consist of:

- 7.1. The Immediate Past President who shall be an ex-officio voting member of the Committee;
- 7.2. The following voting members who shall be elected to the Committee at the A.G.M.;
- 7.2.1. President;
- 7.2.2. Vice-President;
- 7.2.3. Honorary Secretary;
- 7.2.4. Honorary Treasurer;
- 7.2.5. Honorary Assistant Secretary
- 7.2.6. Honorary Assistant Treasurer
- 7.2.7. Sufficient members that the Committee shall have fifteen (15) voting members, provided that these shall include at least three (3) males, three (3) females, and three (3) first-year students at the time of election.
- 7.3. The Committee shall in the following academic year co-opt by the end of the fourth week of the first term a further three (3) voting members, these to be first-year students at the time of co-option.
- 7.4. Any Member who is a member of the Executive of the C.S.C. or a Primary Officer or a member of the Executive of N.S.S.A. shall be an invited ex-officio member of the Committee, but shall be a non-voting member unless a member of the Committee by virtue of clauses 7.1., 7.2., or 7.4. above;
- 7.5. All the above members of the Committee shall be Voting Members at the time of their election or co-option to the Committee.

8. Powers and Duties of the Committee:

- 8.1. The Committee shall abide by the Constitution and Regulations of the C.S.C. as applied to Clubs and Societies.
- 8.2. The Committee shall at all times be subject to decisions of a General Meeting of the Association.
- 8.3. The Committee shall have the power to make Regulations necessary to put into effect this Constitution, provided such Regulations are not inconsistent with the Objects of the Association.
- 8.4. The Committee shall have the power to conduct activities in the name of the Association, and shall be responsible for arranging all the activities of the Association.
- 8.5. The Committee shall have the power to set up such standing committees and sub-committees as shall from time to time be deemed desirable. The duties and composition of such committees shall be as decided by the Committee.
- 8.6. The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy created during its term of office, following the A.G.M., subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting of the Association.
- 8.7. The Committee shall elect such officers as shall from time to time be deemed necessary, to include a Bulletin Editor and from among themselves an N.S.S.A. Correspondent.

9. Powers and Duties of the Executive:

- 9.1. The Executive shall have the power to make recommendations to the Committee.
- 9.2. The Executive shall have the power to act in an emergency without first obtaining the approval of the Committee, such action to be reported to the next meeting of the Committee, provided that the Committee may dissent with the decision of the Executive.
- 9.3. The Treasurer shall receive all mories from subscriptions or other sources and shall disburse same for, or on account of, the Association.
- 9.4. The delegate of the Association to the C.S.C. shall be the Honorary Assistant Treasurer.

10. Termination of Membership of the Association:

10.1. Any member of the Association may be expelled, suspended or otherwise penalised by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of the voting members of the Committee, subject to ratification at the next General Meeting, if in the opinion of the Committee, he has been guilty of conduct in any manner detrimental to the interest of the Association.

10.2. Any Member of the Association shall cease to be a Member upon receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a written notice of resignation signed by such Member.

11. Termination of Membership of the Committee:

A member of the Committee shall cease to be a member on the occurrence of any of the following:-

11.1. Upon acceptance by the Committee of a written notice of resignation signed by such member;

11.2. Upon ceasing to be a Member of the Association;

11.3. Upon absence from three (3) consecutive Committee meetings without leave granted by the Committee.

12. Committee:

12.1. The term of office of the Committee shall begin on a date within three (3) weeks of the Annual General Meeting agreed on by the President and President elect.

12.2. The Committee shall meet at least once a month during the academic year.

12.3. The quorum for a Committee shall be ten (10) voting members of the Committee.

13. General Meetings:

13.1. Only Voting Members of the Association shall be eligible to vote in any election of the Association.

13.2. Proxy votes and absentee votes shall not be admitted at any meeting of the Association.

13.3. Any General Meeting of the Association shall abide by the Standing Orders and Rules of Debate used by the Committee.

13.4. The quorum for any General Meeting of the Association shall be thirty (30) Voting Members.

14. Annual General Meeting:

14.1. An Annual General Meeting shall be held before the fourth (4th) week of third term for the following purposes:

14.1.1. to receive reports on the year's activities;

14.1.2. to receive the audited financial statement (the financial year ending not more than two (2) weeks before the A.G.M.);

14.1.3. to elect the following officers:

14.1.3. (i) a patron, who shall be either a member of the academic staff of the Faculty, or a graduate member of the Association;

14.1.3. (ii) three (3) Vice Patrons;

14.1.3. (iii) such members of the Committee as specified under clauses 7.2. and 7.3. above;

14.1.4. to discuss any other business duly brought before the meeting.

14.2. In the event of insufficient nominations being received at the Annual General Meeting, the Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy by co-option, subject to ratification by a General Meeting of the Association.

14.3. Voting for the elections at the A.G.M. shall be by secret ballot.

14.4. Voting for President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Assistant Secretary and Honorary Assistant Treasurer, shall be by the iterative preferential system.

14.5. The Committee shall elect from among themselves a member to act as Returning Officer for the purpose of conducting the elections at the A.G.M.

14.6. Notice of the A.G.M. shall be posted in the Union Buildings of the

15. Special General Meetings:

Special General Meetings of the Association shall be convened by the Secretary and shall be held:

- 15.1. When called by the President;
- 15.2. At such times as the Committee shall see fit;
- 15.3. Within ten (10) academic days of receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a written request from ten (10) Voting Members of the Association.

The request shall state the exact form in which the questions are to be put. The quorum for such meetings must include at least seven (7) of the petitioning Members.

16. Membership Fee:

- 16.1. The Association Membership Fee shall be fifty cents (50¢) for each calendar year, or one dollar twenty cents (\$1.20) for three (3) calendar years.
- 16.2. Life Membership shall be ten dollars (\$10), additive.
- 16.3. Annual membership shall terminate on March 15th of each year.

17. Adelaide University Book Exchange:

The Association shall conduct a book exchange to be called the Adelaide University Book Exchange.

18. Science Bulletin:

The Committee shall publish on behalf of the Association a periodical known as "Science Bulletin".

19. Interpretation of Constitution:

- 19.1. The interpretation of this Constitution shall lie with the President or his deputy duly appointed provided that a meeting may dissent with the Chairman's ruling.
- 19.2. In the event of a situation arising which is not covered by this Constitution, the Committee shall act in what it considers to be the best interests of the Association. Such action shall be subject to confirmation by the next General Meeting of the Association.

20. Alteration of Constitution:

This Constitution shall only be altered by a two-thirds majority of Voting Members attending the Annual General Meeting. Notice of any proposed alteration shall be posted by the Committee in the Union Buildings of the University of Adelaide at least seven (7) days before the Annual General Meeting at which it is to be submitted for approval.

21. Trustees:

The trustees of the trust fund set up in the event of the demise of the Association shall be the last Patron of the Association, the Secretary of the Faculty of Science, the Honorary Treasurer of the Union and the Warden of the Union.

22. Enactment:

This Constitution shall take effect and be deemed enacted as from the time of adoption by the Annual General Meeting of the Association.