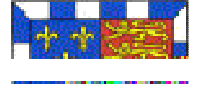

CHRIST'S COLLEGE GRADUATE SOCIETY



Constitution

I. General

1. Terms used.

In this Constitution, the expression 'GB' shall mean the Governing Body of Christ's College; 'the College' shall mean Christ's College; 'the Society' shall mean Christ's College Graduate Society; 'the Committee' shall mean the Executive Committee of Christ's College Graduate Society; 'CCSU' shall mean Christ's College Student Union; 'elected officers' shall refer to those members of the Committee directly elected by the Society (as defined in §II, 2); and the expression 'affiliation to an external organisation' shall include any form of membership of, or formal association with, an organisation whose purposes are not confined to purposes connected with the College.

2. Name.

The Society shall be called Christ's College Graduate Society.

3. Membership.

Membership of the Society shall consist of all resident students of B.A. or M.A. status and affiliated students who are members of the College, undergraduates in their fourth year after matriculation and any individual M.A. or M.Phil. student who is a member of the College, and any individual M.A. or M.Phil. student who is a member of the College.

(ii) A graduate member of the College who exercises the right not to be a member of the Society shall not be unfairly disadvantaged with regard to the provision of services or other benefits.

5. Conduct.

The Society shall act in a fair and democratic manner in accordance with the provisions of the Society's Act.

6. Objects.

The objects of the Society shall be in general to promote the interests of its members and to do such things as are permitted by Charities Law and the 1994 Education Act, and in particular:

(i) To promote co-operation among graduate and affiliated members in the field of academic, social, and cultural activities.

- (ii) To provide a channel of communication in especial between members of the Society and the GB, and between members of the society and CCSU, and also to represent the members of the Society in all College, University and other matters.
- (iii) To provide a bar and other amenities for members of the Society.
- (iv) To co-operate with any like society or association of graduate students in accordance with the interests of the members of the Society.
- (v) To pursue such other aims consistent with the *Society's constitution* as the Society may from time to time determine.

7. Interpretation.

In the event of any dispute as to the interpretatio

The elected officers shall hold office from the Saturday after the end of Lent Full Term until the last Friday of Lent Full Term in the following year. This will be considered the duration of the Committee's period in office. Co-opted members, whether under §II, 2 or §II, 3 shall hold office at least until the end of the University Term in which they are appointed, and potentially for the entire duration of that Committee's period in office. The position of Academic Programme Officer, however, shall be held for the entire duration of the Committee's period in office, except as may be provided under §II, 7, or §IV, 9.

6. Payment.

Contrary to the provisions of s.22(2)(f) of the 1994 Education Act, there shall be no sabbatical or paid elected office in the Society

7. Voluntary Resignation.

Any member of the Committee apart from the President may resign by giving written notice to the President. The President may resign by giving notice in writing to every member of the Committee, the Society's emailing

- (iii) Notify each member of the Society at least three days in advance of the election about the names of candidates, the date of the election and method of voting including the method of absentee or online voting referred to in §III. 3. above.
 - (iv) Where the number of candidates for any position is not greater than one, declare the candidate provisionally elected. Members shall have five days within which to ask the Election Officer that nominations be re-opened. Such requests shall be treated in strictest confidence by the Election Officer. If fewer than 12 members of the Society exercise this right, the candidate shall be declared elected. If 12 or more members do exercise this right, then an election shall be held.
 - (v) Where an election is required, either because the number of candidates for any position is greater than one, or an election is necessitated according to §III, 5. (iv), conduct the election on the date appointed. A re-open nominations (RON) option shall be included on the ballot paper or the online voting system if applied.
 - (vi) Arrange for the online voting system, if applied, to be open on the day of the election for a period of
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3. Quorum.

The quorum of an Open Meeting shall be 18 members o

2. GB.

The financial year of the Society shall run in tandem with the College's financial year, currently from the 1 July in any year until 30 June in the following year.

3. Handover.

Whenever a Treasurer's term of office ends, whether through expiry (§II. 4.) or resignation (§II. 6.), and as soon as a new Treasurer is elected, both the outgoing an

3. Challenge to continued affiliation.

Upon request of at least 4% of its members, the Society shall submit for the approval of its members a list of the organisations to which the Society is affiliated. If at least 4% of the members so require, the question of continued affiliation to any particular organisation shall be decided upon by a secret ballot at which all members are entitled to vote.

VIII. Grievances

1. Procedure.

All those eligible for membership of the Society or groups of such members who are dissatisfied in their dealings with the Society, or dissatisfied with the Society's expenditure, or who claim to be unfairly disadvantaged by reason of having exercised the right not to be a member of the Society, may refer a complaint to the President of the Society for a decision. Any appeal may be made to the Master within a period of 14 days and the Master shall appoint a Fellow for this purpose, who may not delegate his or her responsibility for hearing the appeal. The GB shall have power to provide such effective remedy if any as they consider appropriate when a complaint is upheld.

IX. Constitution.

1. Status

- (i) This Constitution represents the Rules of the Society. Nothing in any previous Constitution shall retain any validity or effect once this Constitution has been ratified by GB.
- (ii) This Constitution is a revised version of that passed by GB on 7 May 1996 and 30 November, 2004. It shall have full force and effect when it shall have been passed by the GB at a meeting during Lent Term 2010.
- (iii) The Constitution shall be resubmitted to the GB for review at intervals of not more than five years.

2. Amendments

- (i) The Committee is responsible for drawing up any changes to the Constitution that might be considered desirable, having due regard to the wishes of the members of the Society.
- (ii) Any changes to these Rules shall be submitted to an Open Meeting for approval, as outlined in Section IV above.
- (iii) No alteration shall be made to any part of this Constitution without the approval of the GB.
- (iv) No alteration shall be made to any of this Constitution except in accordance with the provisions of the 1994 Education Act.

Last Amended by an Open Meeting held on 21 February 2012, and approved by the Governing Body on 6 March 2012.

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For CCGS