

Appendix C - Small Club Constitution Requirements

- 1) The Club's Constitution must be accepted by an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of members of the Club, and that meeting must have been called with the required notice.
- 2) The name and aims of the Club must be in the Club's constitution.
- 3) For Clubs affiliating, the following clauses, or clauses to the same effect, are required to be contained in the Club's constitution (these clauses represent a minimum standard and may be worded differently if they do not depart from the minimum standard).
 - a) Definition: The Arc shall mean Arc @ UNSW Limited.
 - b) The club shall be affiliated to the Arc.
 - c) Full membership of the club shall be open to all UNSW students subject to affiliation requirements of Arc and they shall be required to pay an annual club membership fee set by the Club and complete a membership form.
 - d) Associate membership of the club shall be open to all persons who are not UNSW students subject to affiliation requirements of Arc and they shall be required to pay an annual club membership fee set by the Club and complete a membership form.
 - e) On dissolution of the club, the club is not to distribute assets to members. All assets are to be distributed to an organisation with similar goals or objectives that also prohibits the distribution of assets to members. This organisation may be nominated at the dissolution meeting of the club. If no other legitimate club or organisation is nominated, the Arc will begin procedures to recover any property, monies or records belonging to the club which it perceives would be useful to other Arc-affiliated clubs.
 - f) Contact details for members of your club are to remain with the Executive and the Arc to have sole access. Contact details are not to be given or sold to any other person.
 - g) The club shall comply with Anti-Discrimination legislation in all of its activities or procedures, including the granting of club membership.
 - h) A minimum of two different members shall be on the executive at all times. There must be an Arc Delegate and two Trustees responsible for the assets of the club. One of the Trustees may also act as the Arc Delegate.



- i) The executive are at all times bound by the decisions of a club ordinary, Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- j) There shall be one Annual General Meeting every calendar year..
- k) Notice in the form of an agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be no less than 7 days. The Club must comply with the Arc's requirements for notice.
- l) Quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be three members or one half of the club membership.
- m) At an Annual General Meeting:
 - i. Reports shall be presented by each member of the Executive or a combined report from all the Executive shall be presented;
 - ii. Full financial reports shall be presented and adopted;
 - iii. Elections for a new Arc Delegate and two Trustees shall be conducted; and
 - iv. Constitutional amendments and other motions on notice may be discussed and voted upon.
- n) There shall be Extraordinary General Meetings as the club's ordinary meeting sees fit..
- o) The format, procedures, notice and quorum for an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be the same as for an Annual General Meeting, except that Executive elections will not be held unless specifically notified.
- p) A petitioned Extraordinary General Meeting must be held within twenty-one (21) days, but no sooner than seven (7) days.
- a) The club shall hold an account with a financial institution approved by the Arc.
- q) The Club's Ordinary Meeting must approve all accounts and expenditures for payment.
- r) All financial transactions shall require two signatures of the Trustees.

The following clause is the minimum requirement, so long as proxies are allowed in AGMs and EGMs held on a non-academic day, it is up to the discretion of clubs whether meetings held on academic days can have proxies or not. Therefore, clubs whose constitution states that their AGMs and EGMs MUST be held on academic days may choose to keep the clause that states proxies are not allowed in meetings. Or, if the club chooses, they may insert a clause to the effect that proxies are allowed in all meetings, whether they are held on an academic day or not, but the clause must also state that the procedure shall comply with the requirements of the Arc.

- s) Proxies shall be allowed in meetings not held on an academic day and the procedure shall comply with the requirements of the Arc.

Appendix D – Model Small Club Constitution

A Model Small Club Constitution follows.



Arc @ UNSW Limited

Model Small Club

CONSTITUTION

Instructions: Insert official Club Name on the line below and fill in section 1.

CONSTITUTION

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The official name of the club shall be _____.
- 1.2 The club shall be affiliated to the Arc.
- 1.3 The aims and objectives of the club are:
 - 1.3.1 _____.
 - 1.3.2 _____.
 - 1.3.3 _____.
- 1.4 In all matters not specifically dealt with herein, the procedures set out in the latest edition of Guide for Meetings and Organizations by N.E.R. Renton shall apply.

Definitions

- 1.5 For the purposes of this Constitution:
 - 1.5.1 The University shall mean the University of New South Wales;
 - 1.5.2 The Arc shall mean Arc @ UNSW Limited;
 - 1.5.3 Re-affiliation shall mean re-affiliation with the Arc;
 - 1.5.4 Members shall mean full members of the club;
 - 1.5.5 Associate members shall mean associate members of the club;
 - 1.5.6 The Executive shall mean the Executive of the club;
 - 1.5.7 The Annual General Meeting shall mean the Annual General Meeting of the club;
 - 1.5.8 An academic day shall mean a day during the first or second session of the University's academic year which is not a Saturday, Sunday, Public Holiday or University Holiday; and
 - 1.5.9 Subjects shall mean units of study offered by the University in progression to the award of a degree.
- 1.6 Unless a contrary statement appears in Section 7 of this Constitution, the club shall be bound by all the clauses in Section 2 to Section 6 of this Constitution.

2 Membership

- 2.1 Contact details for members of your club are to remain with the Executive and the Arc to have sole access. Contact details are not to be given or sold to any other person.
- 2.2 Full membership of the club shall be open to all UNSW students subject to affiliation requirements of Arc and they shall be required to pay an annual club membership fee set by the Club and complete a membership form.
- 2.3 Associate membership shall be open to all persons who are not UNSW students subject to affiliation requirements of the Arc, provided that they pay a membership fee that is set by the Club, and they complete a membership form prepared by the club office bearers.
- 2.4 The duration of a person's membership shall be until the club's next Annual General Meeting after they have become a member, or until the end of Week One in Session One of the University year after they have become a member, whichever is the later.
- 2.5 The club shall comply with Anti-Discrimination legislation in all of its activities and procedures, including the granting of club membership.
- 2.6 Notwithstanding clause 2.4, a member of the club Executive may have their position declared vacant according to the procedures set out in Section 3.6.
- 2.7 Notwithstanding clause 2.4, a member or associate member of a club may have their membership terminated after the following procedure is followed:
 - 2.7.1 A motion is carried by the general meeting, or the general meeting is petitioned by fifteen (3) members or half the Club's membership to instigate impeachment proceedings;
 - 2.7.2 The members of the club are notified of the proceedings formally as a motion on notice to an Extraordinary General Meeting under Section 4.2;
 - 2.7.3 The member concerned is notified in writing of the procedures and reasons for proceedings at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
 - 2.7.4 The member concerned is given five (5) minutes to speak against the motion at the Extraordinary General Meeting.
 - 2.7.5 The motion is carried by the Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 2.8 Any member of a club or member of the club Executive who believes they have been wrongly expelled may appeal to the Arc, who will arrive at the final resolution of the matter.

3 Executive

- 3.1 The Executive of the club shall be elected from the full members at the Annual General Meeting and shall consist of at least:
 - 3.1.1 Two Trustees; and
 - 3.1.2 An Arc Delegate.
- 3.2 Further Executive members may be elected by the ordinary meeting.
- 3.3 One Trustee is permitted to also hold the Arc Delegate position, provided that a minimum of two members are on the Executive at all times.
- 3.4 The Executive is at all times bound by the decisions of a club Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 3.5 Each member of the Executive is bound by the decisions of a club ordinary meeting.
- 3.6 Any member of the Executive shall have their position declared vacant if they:
 - 3.6.1 Die;
 - 3.6.2 Cease to be a member of the club;
 - 3.6.3 Cease to be a UNSW student;



- 3.6.4 Are absent from any three (3) consecutive meetings of the club without apology or leave; or
 - 3.6.5 Have their position declared vacant at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 3.7 Any vacancy of an Executive position must be filled at a meeting, via the procedures outlined in Section 4.

3.8 Duties of the following Executive positions shall include but not be limited to:

3.8.1 Trustee

- a) To keep and maintain all club financial records;
- b) To hold cheque books, petty cash tins etc;
- c) To keep the club informed of its financial position (at meetings, through regular e-mail reports, or regular newsletter;
- d) To carry out financial transactions as directed by the club management;
- e) To not lend money, under any circumstances to yourself, club members or other clubs;
- f) To always ensure that the records are up to date and in good order so that if they are otherwise unable to continue in that capacity someone else can easily take over;
- g) To not put the club in debt that cannot be repaid, but should endeavour to match costs and income as closely as possible;
- h) To always insist on a receipt or docket to validate any expenditure by the club;
- i) To pay all accounts by cheque;
- j) To always enter the payees name, the cheque amount and a brief explanation of the payment on the cheque butt;
- k) To always provide a receipt to a person who gives money to the club for any reason and bank all money received IMMEDIATELY;
- l) To ensure you have at least two and not more than three signatories who are Executive members to the cheque account;
- m) To ensure that club funds are not misused at any time; and
- n) To ensure that when smaller amounts of money are spent, (petty cash) a receipt or docket must be obtained.
- o) Under no circumstances are any expenses to be met without documentation,

3.8.2 Arc Delegate

- a) To Chair meetings of the Club;
- b) To ensure the Club Office Bearers are fulfilling their responsibilities;
- c) To be aware of the Arc funding system, it's requirements and its possibilities for the club;
- d) To communicate with the general meeting before and after each Arc Clubs General Meeting to pass on information (about grants etc);
- e) To liaise with the Arc and the club's office bearers;
- f) To have a good working knowledge of Arc forms;
- g) To clear out the club's pigeonhole in the Arc Resource Centre at least every two weeks; and
- h) To attend Arc Clubs General Meetings or nominate a fellow club member to attend on your behalf, or send advance apologies (taking the form of a written note detailing your name, club, and the date of the meeting you can not attend).

4 Meetings

Annual General Meetings

- 4.1 There shall be one Annual General meeting every calendar year.
- 4.2 Notice in the form of an agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be no less than seven (7) days, and is to be:
 - 4.2.1 Given in writing to the Arc;
 - 4.2.2 Given in writing to all club members, or upon approval by the Arc displayed in a way that will guarantee an acceptable level of exposure among club members.
- 4.3 Quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be three members or one half of the club membership, whichever is the lesser.
- 4.4 At an Annual General Meeting:
 - 4.4.1 Reports shall be presented by at least all the members of the Executive or at least a combined report from all the Executive shall be presented;
 - 4.4.2 Full financial reports shall be presented and adopted;
 - 4.4.3 Elections for all a new Executive shall be conducted; and
 - 4.4.4 Constitutional amendments and other motions on notice may be discussed and voted upon.
- 4.5 Full minutes of this meeting, including a list of the new Executive, written financial reports, and constitutional amendments, shall be forwarded to the Arc within fourteen (14) days of the meeting.

Extraordinary General Meetings

- 4.6 There shall be Extraordinary General Meetings as the Executive sees fit or as petitioned under clause 4.8.
- 4.7 The format, procedures, notice and quorum for an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be the same as for an Annual General Meeting, except that Executive elections will not be held unless specifically notified.
- 4.8 To petition Extraordinary General Meeting fifteen (3) members or half of the club membership, whichever is the lesser, must petition the Executive in writing.
- 4.9 Such a petitioned meeting must be held within twenty-one (21) days, but no sooner than seven (7) days.

Ordinary Meetings

- 4.10 There shall be at least 2 Ordinary meetings of the club in each of Semester 1 and Semester 2.
- 4.11 Ordinary meetings of the club shall have the following duties and powers:
 - 4.11.1 The activities of the club, and
 - 4.11.2 The finances of the club.
- 4.12 The ordinary meeting can delegate its responsibilities to members of the Executive.
- 4.13 The ordinary meeting is at all times bound by the decisions of a club Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.

Meetings

- 4.14 General requirements for all meetings are as follows:
- 4.14.1 All voting at meetings shall be with a simple majority required for a resolution to be passed;
 - 4.14.2 Each member is entitled to one vote;
 - 4.14.3 Proxies shall be allowed in meetings and the procedure shall comply with the requirements of the Arc;
 - 4.14.4 In the case of equality of voting the motion is defeated;
 - 4.14.5 Elections for Executive shall use the “first past the post” system;
 - 4.14.6 Constitutional changes must be in the form of a motion on notice to an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting;
 - 4.14.7 Constitutional changes passed at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting must be approved by the Arc for the Club to remain affiliated with the Arc.

5 Finance

- 5.1 The club shall hold an account with a financial institution approved by the Arc.
- 5.2 The general meeting must approve all accounts and expenditures for payment.
- 5.3 All financial transactions shall require two signatures of members of the Executive.
- 5.4 The financial records of the club shall be open for inspection by the Arc at all times.

6 Dissolution

- 6.1 Dissolution of the club will occur after the following conditions have been met:
- 6.1.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting is petitioned in writing as set out in 4.8;
 - 6.1.2 Procedures for notification as set out in 4.2 are followed, and the reasons for the proposed dissolution are included with the notification to the Arc;
 - 6.1.3 Quorum for the meeting to dissolve the club shall be five (5) members or three-quarters of the club membership, whichever is the lesser;
 - 6.1.4 No other business may be conducted at the meeting to dissolve the club;
 - 6.1.5 After the petitioning body has stated its case any opposition must be given the opportunity to reply, with at least ten minutes set aside for this purpose;
 - 6.1.6 A vote is taken and the motion to dissolve lapses if opposed by three (3) or more members of the club;
 - 6.1.7 If the motion to dissolve is carried, the Arc must be notified within fourteen (14) days.
- 6.2 Dissolution of the club will also occur if the club has been financially and administratively inactive for a period of six (6) months.
- 6.2.1 The Arc must give twenty (20) academic days notice in an official Arc publication and in writing to the last known Arc Delegate before dissolving the club in this way.
- 6.3 On dissolution of the club, the club is not to distribute assets to members. All assets are to be distributed to an organisation with similar goals or objectives that also prohibits the distribution of assets to members. This organisation may be nominated at the dissolution meeting of the club. If no other legitimate club or organisation is nominated, the Arc will begin procedures to recover any property, monies or records belonging to the club which it perceives would be useful to other Arc-affiliated clubs. The club will be given twenty one (21) days to forward all relevant items to the Arc before any action is instigated.

7 Additions

Please number any additions or alterations to this Constitution starting with 7.1, and ensure that a copy is submitted to the Arc with your affiliation. Additions or alterations to this Constitution do not become valid unless ratified by the Arc.