

# SGM Reference Material

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## Constitutional Changes:

### Change s3 to the following (formatting mistake)

#### OBJECTS

- (1) The objects of the Association are:
- a. To promote the welfare of and further the interests of ANU Undergraduate Students;
  - b. To work for quality and equity in higher education;
  - c. To afford a recognised means of representation for ANU Undergraduate Students within the University and the wider community; and
  - d. To foster community, equity and diversity within the University.

### Change s8(4) to the following (odd expressions)

- (4) A General Meeting of the Association may, subject to this Constitution and the Regulations:
- a. Pass a resolution that determines the Policy of the Association with respect to any matter within the Objects of the Association;
  - b. Pass a resolution that directs the Executive as to how it should act to give effect to the Policy of the Association;
  - c. By a resolution carried by a not less than two-thirds majority of those present and voting, **make, amend or repeal Regulations;**
  - d. Pass a resolution recommending the dismissal of an Officer in accordance with section 9;
  - e. Notwithstanding any other section of this Constitution, by resolution carried by not less than a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, dismiss any Officer of the Association, provided that **at least one hundred and twenty (120)** members of the Association are present;
  - f. By a resolution carried by not less than a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, decide to extend the time period in which to apply for an allocation or grant, or re-instate an allocation or grant which would otherwise not be given, subject to section 2.4 of the Finance Regulations;
  - g. By a resolution carried by a not less than two-thirds majority of those present and voting, remove a member of the Disputes Committee in accordance with section 28(12);
  - h. Pass a resolution approving the budget or provisional budget of the Association subject to section 17; and
  - i. Receive at each of its meetings a report detailing recent activities and expenditure from:
    - i. The SRC; and
    - ii. The CRC.

### Change s8(6) to the following (formatting mistake)

- (6) Any resolution carried by a General Meeting that is not entrenched under section 8(5) that purports to:
- a. Determine the Policy of the Association; or
  - b. Direct the Executive as to how it should act to give effect to the Policy of the Association;

**Is subordinate to any future resolution carried by a simple majority of the SRC or, in the case of motions relating to higher education, within the ANU or its constituent Colleges, the CRC.**

### Change the numbering of the provisions under s8 – 13 and 14 are repeated. So it would read as follows:

- (13)** The quorum for a General Meeting of the Association is forty (40) members of the Association present in person.

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(14) Despite section 8(13), the Association may maintain Regulations allowing specified business to be dealt with by an inquorate General Meeting after 30 minutes have lapsed, provided that proper notice of the meeting has been given.

### Annual General Meetings

(15) The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association shall be convened by the General Secretary within five (5) months after the end of each financial year.

(16) At each AGM:

- a. The President's report on the activities of the Association since the previous AGM;
- b. The Treasurer's Report on the financial position of the Association at the end of the previous financial year;
- c. The Draft Budget;
- d. Duly audited Annual Financial Statements; and
- e. Such other reports as the SRC determines shall be presented and approved and shall be made available for inspection by members at least fourteen(14) Teaching days before the AGM.

### Special General Meetings

(17) The General Secretary must convene a Special General Meeting of the Association within seven (7) Teaching days of being presented with a petition signed by at least eighty (80) members of the Association calling for such a meeting, or a resolution passed by a simple majority of the SRC calling for such a meeting.

(18) Whoever convenes a Special General Meeting of the Association in accordance with this Constitution must give at least five (5) Teaching days notice of the time, date, place and agenda of such a meeting by prominently displaying these details:

- a. On the front door of the Association offices; and
- b. On noticeboards within the Union building.

(19) Whoever convenes a Special General Meeting of the Association in accordance with this Constitution must discuss only those matters specified in the request to the General Secretary, and they must be dealt with in the order set out in that request.

### Change s9(5) to the following (formatting)

(5) A Representative of the Association other than a Departmental Officer must be removed from office if:

- a. A resolution is carried by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the SRC or a General Meeting of the Association stating that she or he must be removed from office because of behaviour mentioned in section 9(4); and
- b. The Disputes Committee accepts that the Representative of the Association has acted in the fashion alleged by this resolution.

**Change s9(19) to the following (incorrect reference)**

(19) A disclosure of pecuniary interest made under section 9(18) shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

**Change s9(21) to the following (incomplete statement)**

(21) If the Office Administrator is satisfied that a particular person is ineligible to be, or to continue to be, an SRC representative, the Office Administrator must so inform the General Secretary and the chair of the SRC.

**Change s12(8) to the following (deleted statement belongs in regulations not the body of the constitution. Covered by schedule 1 standing orders)**

(8) The quorum for CRC is half the current total of Schedule A of the membership of the CRC, rounded up to the nearest whole person.

*Deleted: But when the quorum is not reached, the meeting may continue for administrative and communicative purposes.*

**Change s13(a) to the following (inflexible language, should be discretionary as extenuating circumstances may exist)**

(1) The following rules apply to attendance at meetings of the Association:

- a. Any elected Representative who is constitutionally required to sit on any or all of the SRC or CRC, or to attend OGMs or AGMs, and who fails to attend:
  - i. 3 meetings which are either General Meetings or council meetings for which they are included on Schedule A of the council membership; or
  - ii. 4 meetings for which they are listed on Schedule B of the council membership; **may** be removed from office.

**Change s19(1) to the following (unfinished sentence)**

(1) The common seal of the Association shall be kept by the Office Administrator. It shall be affixed by authority of the SRC, and any two of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall sign below the seal.

**Change s14(2) to the following (formatting mistake)**

(1) The Executive must:

- a. Manage the affairs of the Association's office;
- b. Oversee employees of the Association; and**
- c. Oversee the implementation of the Policies of the Association

**Change s28(3)a to the following (typo: 'must' removed)**

(3)

- a. If a resolution calling for the dismissal of a Representative of the Association is referred to the Disputes Committee as set out in this Constitution, that Representative of the Association will only be dismissed if a simple majority of those members of the Disputes Committee present and voting believe that the burden of proof required under that section for a **Representative to be dismissed has been satisfied.**
- b. If an allegation of a breach of this Constitution or the Regulations is referred to the Disputes Committee as set out in this Constitution, such a breach will only be established if a simple majority of those members of the Disputes Committee present and voting believe that the requirements of the section/s in dispute have not been reasonably met.

### Change s28(10)d to the following (punctuation error)

(10) Members of the Disputes Committee hold tenure until:

- a. They cease to be a member of the Association;
- b. They resign, in writing, to the General Secretary of the Association;
- c. They are removed by a resolution carried by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting of the Association;
- d. They are **elected, appointed to** or nominate for any position listed in Schedule 1 of this Constitution; or
- e. A new Disputes Committee is elected at the first SRC meeting of the second term of each Academic year.

### Change s30(2)a to the following (grammatical error/punctuation 'and' removed)

(1) There are to be Orientation Week and Bush Week Directors, who report to the Social Officer.

(2) The Directors must:

- a. **Organise a variety of daytime and night time social events for members of the Association;**
- b. Organise a Market Day where affiliated clubs and societies are able to promote themselves; and
- c. Develop sponsorship relationships with organisations.

### Amend s14 to include s14(6) and (7) (Power of delegation)

(6) A member of the Executive may, by written communication and with the consent of the person receiving the delegation, delegate one or more of his or her functions to another member of the Executive for the period specified in the written communication, so long as the delegation does not represent a substantial and ongoing delegation of responsibilities of the delegating officer.

(7) A delegation under paragraph 14(6) may be revoked at any time by a subsequent decision of the delegating officer communicated in writing, or by decision of the Executive.

## Changes to Electoral Regulations recommended by Elections ACT

*Recommendation 2: eligibility for departments (active member, 3 meetings)*

*Recommendation 3: eligibility for treasurer (BUSN1001, 1002)*

### Addition to 2.3.1

d. include evidence of their eligibility or signed declaration of their eligibility

*Recommendation 4: group nomination form*

### Insert 2.3.3A

2.3.3A Where a nominee wishes to run as a candidate endorsed by a registered ticket, they may submit a group nomination form signed by two signatories to the application to register the ticket name.

*Recommendation 9: ticket noms close at the same time as general nominations*

### Insert 2.2.1

2.2.1 The Returning Officer must call for nominations at least 4 weeks before the commencement of polling, and both nominations and ticket registration must remain open for at least 2 weeks.



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### *Recommendation 13: clarify probity officer position*

#### Alter 2.11.10 to read

2.11.10 If the Probity Officer(s) reasonably believes that a candidate has committed an Electoral Offence or **contravened provisions** in this Constitution and/or Regulations in the course of the election campaign, she/he may issue a polling time ban.

#### Change 2.9.1 and 2.9.2 to read

2.9.1 The campaign-related expenditure of an independent candidate or registered tickets with two or less candidates must not exceed \$150.

2.9.2 The maximum campaign-related expenditure of a registered ticket with more than two candidates shall be determined as follows:  $n \times \$50$  where  $n$  is the number of vacancies in positions listed at Schedule 1 of the Constitution which the registered ticket is contesting in addition to the number of delegates to the National Union of Students National Conference that the registered ticket is contesting.

#### Alter 2.11.2

2.11.2 The Probity Officer(s) will sign a declaration of conflict of interest upon nomination.

#### Insert 2.10.2A

2.10.2A If the statement of intent lodged by a candidate under regulation 2.10.1 is nil, then 2.10.2 does not apply.

#### Insert 2.5.2A

2.5.2A Polling may take place at multiple locations on campus simultaneously.

#### Insert 2.1.2 to read

2.1.2 The Annual elections of the Association must be conducted over 4 consecutive academic days, and must include at least 20 hours of polling, including at least one hour of polling outside of business hours.

#### Change 2.2.4(e) and (f) to read [typos]

#### 2.2.4

- e. On at least 1 notice board in both the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre and the Disabilities Services Unit and the Chifley Disabilities Resource room; and
- f. On the Students' Association website. “