

# **THE MAGIC CLUB, HKUSU CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the club shall be “ The Magic Club, HKUSU”, hereafter referred to as the Club.

## **ARTICLE II: AIMS**

The aims of the Club shall be:

- a. To promote magic as an interesting and creative art.
- b. To enable the students to learn a particular skill which will help them in their social relationship and make themselves popular among their friends.

## **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIPS**

- a. Full Membership: All Full Members of the Hong Kong University Student Union may apply for Full Membership and register as a Full Student Union may apply for Full Membership and register as a Full Member upon payment of the subscription fee.
- b. Associate Membership: All other persons who have been Full Members of the Club, of current HKUSU Associate Members or current Life Members may apply for Associate Memberships and has to be approved by the Executive Committee, upon the payment of subscription.

## **ARTICLE IV: TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION**

- a. The term of yearly membership starts from 1<sup>st</sup> September of every year and ends on 31<sup>st</sup> August of the coming year.
- b. The subscription for each term of membership payable by all Full Memberships shall be decided by the Cultural Council annually.
- c. If a member is enrolled before the Annual General Meeting and within the period of orientation and the first term of the academic session, his term of membership shall terminate at the end of the Annual General Meeting in the next year.

## **ARTICLE V: GOVERNMENT**

The club shall be governed by an executive committee consisting of the Chairperson, Vice-chairperson(1-2), General Secretary, Financial Secretary, Program Secretary (1-5), Publication and Publicity Secretary (1-3), A past representative, who must be the Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Financial Secretary or General Secretary of the previous cabinet shall be elected. No past official bears any of the above posts. (Amended in 2014-2015 EGM1)

## **ARTICLE VI: ELECTION**

- a. All Full Members shall have speaking and voting rights in General Meetings and shall be eligible for election. Associate Members shall have speaking but not voting rights in General Meetings and shall not be eligible for election.
- b. The nomination of a candidate shall be proposed and seconded by Full Members of the Club and shall be submitted to the committee at least one week before the Annual General Meeting and not earlier than October 15 of each sessional year.
- c. The Chairperson and Committee Members shall hold office for one sessional year.
- d. Election shall be valid if the number of Full Members present at the Meeting is not fewer than 7% or twenty, whichever the more.
- e. When there is one candidate for the post, the candidate shall be declared elected “ipso facto”
- f. In case of more than one candidate, ballot forms shall be issued and a candidate shall be declared elected with a simple majority of “for” or “confidence” votes if the number of Full Members present at the meeting is not fewer than 7% or twenty, whichever the more, and the total number of valid votes is not fewer than sixty percent of the number of ballot forms issued.

#### ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- a. The Chairperson shall
  1. Preside at all meetings of the Club.
  2. Represent the interest of the Club in the Cultural Council.
- b. The Vice-chairperson shall
  1. Preside at all meetings of the Club in the absence of the Chairperson.
  2. Represent the interest of the Club in the Cultural Council in the absence of the Chairperson.
- c. The General Secretary shall
  1. Deal with correspondence on behalf of the Club.
  2. Keep minutes of all meetings referred to in ARTICLE VII a. 1
  3. Present an Annual Report of the Club at the Annual General Meeting.
  4. Represent the interests of the Club in the Cultural Council.
  5. Keep all other Club records except those related with financial matters.
- d. The Financial Secretary shall
  1. Deal with all financial matters of the Club.
  2. Present an Annual Financial Report of the Club at the Annual General Meeting.
- e. The Program Secretary shall
  1. Be responsible for all matters concerning the arrangement of programme and other related affairs.

- f. The Publications and Publicity Secretary shall
  - 1. Be responsible for all publications and Publicity of the Club.
- g. (Repealed in 2014-2015 EGM1)
- h. The past representative shall
  - 1. Act as a coordinator between the new and the old cabinet.

#### ARTICLE VIII: GENERAL MEETINGS

##### a. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Club shall hold an Extraordinary General Meeting at the discretion of the majority of the Committee, or upon the written request of not less than 20% of its Full Members to the Chairperson, at least one week's notice must be given prior to the date on which the meeting is to be held. The quorum at all Extraordinary General Meetings shall be formed by no fewer than 7% or twenty of the Club's Full Members, whichever the more.

##### b. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1. The Annual General Meeting shall be convened by the Chairperson of the Club and held between January and February with a period of notice not less than seven clear days.
- 2. The quorum at all Annual General Meetings shall consist of not fewer than 7% or twenty of the Full Members of the Club, whichever the more.
- 3. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
  - i. to receive and adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting together with the minutes of all Extraordinary General Meetings which may have occurred since the previous Annual General Meeting.
  - ii. to receive and adopt the General Secretary's Annual Report of the Club.
  - iii. to receive and adopt the Financial Secretary's Financial Report, prepared to the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
  - iv. to elect the Executive Committee for the next Club session.
  - v. Any Other Business.

#### ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

The constitution may be amended with the approval of two-thirds majority of the Full Members present at a General Meeting. The amendment shall come into effect at the date approved at a General Meeting.

#### ARTICLE X: INTERPRETATION

The interpretation of constitution shall rest with the Executive Committee, but the ultimate decision rests on the general meetings.

#### ARTICLE XI: FINANCE

a. Cash owned by the Club shall be deposited in the bank under the name of “Magic Club, HKUSU”.

b. Members do not take any share of the profits nor any share of the assets upon dissolution.