

The constitution of the Dancing Club HKUSU

SECTION I – DEFINITION

In this constitution,

“Members” shall mean members of Dancing Club, HKUSU, the University of Hong Kong.

“Union” and “HKUSU” shall mean the Hong Kong University Students’ Union.

“Constitution” shall mean the constitution of Dancing Club, HKUSU.

“G.M.” shall mean the General Meeting of Dancing Club, HKUSU.

“A.G.M.” shall mean the Annual General Meeting of Dancing Club, HKUSU.

“E.G.M.” shall mean the Extraordinary General Meeting of Dancing Club, HKUSU.

“Chairperson” shall mean the chairperson of the executive committee of Dancing Club, HKUSU.

SECTION II – CONSTITUTION

Article I: General

All members and executive committee members of Dancing Club, HKUSU shall not act contrary to the constitution.

Article II: Interpretation

The interpretation of this constitution shall rest with the executive committee of Dancing Club, HKUSU.

Article III: Amendment

No parts of this constitution shall be supplemented, abolished, or amended, except by a motion carried at the Annual General Meeting or a General Meeting convened specifically for this purpose. A notice intimating the proposed amendment shall be posted seven day before the General Meeting.

SECTION III – GENERAL

Article I: Definition

The name of Dancing Club shall be “Dancing Club, HKUSU” [abr. Danso HKUSU]

Article II: Aims

The aims of the club shall be

- a) to promote the welfare of the members,
- b) to promote dancing to the members,
- c) to represent all members of the club.

Article III: Club session

The Club session shall commence with the conclusion of the previous Annual General Meeting A.G.M. and end at the end of current A.G.M..

SECTION IV – MEMBERSHIP

Article I: Full membership

All students of the University of Hong Kong shall be eligible for the membership of the club with the approval of the executive committee and each shall pay a membership fee for each club session.

Article II: Privileges

All members shall enjoy the following privileges:

- a) to attend functions and activities arranged by the club,
- b) to attend general meetings of the club.

Only members have the right to vote, to stand for and to nominate candidates to elections of the executive committee members of the club.

Article III: Membership fee

The amount for membership fee shall be HK\$25 for each club session determined by the Cultural Council annually.

SECTION V – GENERAL MEETING

Article I: Authority

General Meetings shall possess the highest authority in the club.

Article II: Quorum

- a) 20 or one-tenth of the members, whichever the more, shall form a quorum in all general meetings.
- b) If the quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned to the same day of the following week and if on that day a quorum is still not present, all members present thereat shall form a quorum.

Article III: Annual General Meeting

- a) the A.G.M. shall be within January,
- b) notice of an A.G.M. shall be posted two weeks before the A.G.M. is held,
- c) the A.G.M. shall be called and chaired by the chairperson,
- d) the business shall be
 - i) to receive and adopt the minutes of the previous A.G.M. and all E.G.M. within the session,
 - ii) to receive and adopt the annual functional report of the club presented by the Honorary Secretary,

- iii) to receive and adopt the audited annual financial report of the club presented by the Honorary Financial Secretary,
- iv) to elect the executive committee of the next session,
- v) any other business.

Article IV: Extraordinary General Meeting

- a) an E.G.M. shall be called by the executive committee for any purpose at any time, or upon a requisition signed by no less than 15 members of the club,
- b) no less than 7 clear days' notice shall be given for an E.G.M. and the notice convening the meeting shall state the business to be transacted,
- c) no other business shall be discussed thereat without the consent of two-thirds of the members present,
- d) all E.G.M. shall be convened by the Chairperson.

SECTION VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article I: Composition

The executive committee of the club shall consist of

- a) Chairperson
- b) Vice-chairperson
- c) Honorary Secretary
- d) Honorary Financial Secretary
- e) Steward
- f) Publication and Publicity Secretary
- g) Program Secretary
- h) Jazz Dance Group Leader
- i) Public Relations

Article II: Duties

- a) The Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be the chief executive of the club and shall be responsible for the schedule and the smooth progress of the activities of the club and shall preside at all meetings of the executive committee.

- b) Vice-Chairperson

The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in all internal affairs of the club and shall be the acting absence of the Chairperson in the absence of Chairperson.

- c) Honorary Secretary

The Honorary Secretary shall handle all correspondence of the club, record minutes of the executive committee meetings and prepare an annual functional report of the club at the end of the club session.

- d) Honorary Financial Secretary

The Honorary Financial Secretary shall handle all financial matters of the club and prepare an annual financial report of the club at the end of the session.

e) Steward

The steward shall be responsible for booking all equipment and venue for all the functions within the University of Hong Kong.

f) Publication and Publicity Secretary

The publication and publicity secretary shall be responsible for all publication and publicity works of the club.

g) Program Secretary

The program secretary shall be responsible for the rundown of all functions, the coordination of the activities and the audio system of the functions.

h) Jazz Dance Group Leader

The jazz dance group leader shall handle all correspondence of the dance team, maintain the relationship between the team and the club and act as a representative of the club.

i) Public Relations

The public relations shall be responsible for handling all matters about sponsorship for the club.

Article III: Function

The executive committee shall be responsible to the resolution for the general meetings.

Article IV: Authority

The executive committee shall possess an authority second to the general meetings in all meetings affecting the club.

Article V: Election

a) Nomination

i) nomination shall be opened 14 clear days before the date of the A.G.M. and shall be closed one week before A.G.M.

ii) honorary secretary shall announce the names of the candidates within 24 hours after the closing of the nomination.

iii) nomination for election shall only be made on forms provided for the purpose. Each

form shall contain the name of the candidate, the proposer, and the seconder, together with the signature of the candidates signifying the consent.

b) Campaign Meeting

Campaign Meetings shall be held between the closing date of the nomination and the election day for each election.

c) Voting

i) any voting shall be in the form of secret ballot or by a show of had as decided by the meeting

ii) when there is only one candidate for the post, the candidate will be elected, provided that one has secured number of votes not less than one-tenth of the total members of the club

iii) when there are two or more candidates for one post, the candidate with the majority of votes shall be elected provided that the total number of votes cast for the post candidate is not less than one-tenth of the members of the club

d) Vacancy

In the event of any vacancies existing in the executive committee, the executive committee shall appoint any members of the club to be the acting executive committee members until a by-election is held

e) By-election

A by-election shall be held in the even of any vacancies existing in the executive committee in the form of E.GM.

f) Vote of Non-Confidence

If any vote of non-confidence is given to any executive committee members of the club upon the approval of the three quarters of the members present in a general meeting, one shall resign from the post immediately

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