

Constitution of the Student Christian Movement Otago, meeting as SCM Rendezvous

1. NAME OF SOCIETY

1.1 The name of the Society shall be the Student Christian Movement Otago, meeting as SCM Rendezvous.

2. DEFINITION AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 'OUSA' refers to the Otago University Students' Association Inc.

2.2 'The Society' refers to the Student Christian Movement Otago, meeting as SCM Rendezvous.

2.3 'The rules of OUSA' refers to the OUSA Constitution and Policy or resolutions as set by the SGM or the OUSA Executive.

2.4 Ordinary Resolution refers to a motion requiring a majority positive vote to pass.

2.5 Special Resolution refers to a motion requiring a two-thirds majority positive vote to pass.

2.6 The Society's Committee shall, subject only to the OUSA Executive, be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules. The decisions of the Society Committee shall be binding, subject only to the right of appeal to the OUSA Executive.

2.7 These rules are to be read in conjunction with the OUSA Affiliation policy.

2.8 This constitution is subject to the rules of OUSA and shall be void and of no effect to the extent of their conflict with the rules of OUSA.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY

The Society is affiliated to the Student Christian Movement Aotearoa Inc., and the charitable objects of the Society include:

3.1 To promote understanding of the Christian faith, and allow each member to develop his or her own spirituality and theological reflection.

3.2 To work locally for peace and justice from an ecumenical perspective

3.3 To recognise and support individuals and groups whose aims are consistent with those of the Society, and foster links between such individuals and groups to work towards peace and social justice.

3.4 To contribute to the development of theology relevant to Aotearoa / New Zealand.

3.5 To promote the theological and ecumenical education of students from Aotearoa / New Zealand

3.6 To promote active, thoughtful, reflective, and constructive student participation in society within Aotearoa / New Zealand.

3.7 To recognise Maori as Tangata Whenua of Aotearoa and accept Te Tiriti o Waitangi (as recorded in the Appendix) as the basis of its Constitution.

3.8 The objectives of the Society shall not, in any significant way, contradict the objectives of OUSA.

4. POWERS OF OUSA WITH RESPECT TO THE SOCIETY

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4.1 Affiliation to OUSA shall not limit or affect the rights and powers of OUSA or any of its committees in respect of any matter.

4.2 The OUSA Executive may, at any time, by ordinary resolution:

4.2.1 Inspect the Society's financial records, asset register, and membership list;

4.2.2 Appoint a committee to conduct an examination of the affairs of the Society and to report thereafter to the OUSA Executive;

4.2.3 Convene a Special General Meeting of the Society for any purpose;

4.2.4 Appoint a temporary Society Committee to replace the regular Society Committee for such time, and with such powers, as the OUSA Executive may determine;

4.2.5 Disaffiliate the Society.

5. POWERS OF THE SOCIETY

5.1 The Society is not formed for the pecuniary gain of its members.

5.1.1 The Society may make payment as reasonable remuneration to any servant or officer of The Society or the payment of reasonable expense to any authorised representative or delegate of the Society.

5.1.2 Reasonable remuneration shall not exceed market rates for the provision of equivalent goods or services.

6. AFFILIATION

6.1 The Society shall be affiliated to OUSA.

6.2 The Society and its members present and future shall be bound by the rules of OUSA, and every such Society and all such members shall be so bound in all respects. Where the OUSA constitution is not expressly mentioned in the constitution of the Society, the provisions of the OUSA constitution shall be read into the document.

6.3 The Society's affiliation to OUSA shall automatically lapse if the Society fails or ceases to comply with the OUSA Affiliation Policy or Section 18 of the OUSA Constitution and Rules.

6.4 The Society shall not become affiliated to or in any way connected with any other organisation without the consent of the OUSA Executive.

6.4.1 Any affiliation to any other body entered into without the OUSA Executive's consent shall be null and void.

6.5 The Society is also affiliated to the Student Christian Movement of Aotearoa Inc.

6.6 The Society and its members present and future shall be bound by the rules of the Student Christian Movement Aotearoa Inc., and all such members shall be so bound in all respects. Where the Student Christian Movement Aotearoa Inc. constitution is not expressly mentioned in the constitution of the Society, the provisions of the Student Christian Movement Aotearoa Inc. constitution shall be read into the document.

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7. LIABILITIES INCURRED BY THE SOCIETY

7.1 The Society shall not enter into any loan agreement of a value greater than NZ\$1000 without approval by ordinary resolution of the OUSA Executive.

7.2 OUSA shall not be responsible for any liabilities or debts incurred by the Society.

8. MEMBERSHIP

8.1 The Society shall, in normal circumstances, have no less than 90% of total membership comprised of OUSA/OPSA members.

8.2 The Society shall in normal circumstances have no less than ten members.

8.3 Membership of the Society shall be open to all members of OUSA/OPSA.

8.4 Membership can be restricted to a subsection of OUSA/OPSA members provided that the restrictions do not contravene the laws of New Zealand.

8.5 Persons shall become members of the Society when an application for membership is given in writing to the Society Committee and accompanied with the annual subscription fee (if applicable).

8.6 The Society shall only levy upon its members such fees or subscriptions as have been ratified by the AGM of the Society.

8.7 Any member of the Society who does not pay any required subscription within one calendar month of joining shall not be permitted to exercise the privileges of membership until the subscription is paid.

8.8 Membership shall be deemed to continue until a formal resignation is received by the Society Committee.

8.9 A Society member may not be suspended or expelled unless the committee resolves to do so by special resolution.

8.9.1 The suspended member will be relieved of any powers and responsibilities and is not permitted to attend Society activities.

8.9.2 A special general meeting must be called within three months to expel the member or the suspension lapses.

8.10 The following procedure must be used to expel a Society member:

8.10.1 Written notice of any meeting regarding the expulsion and of the basic allegations and charges against the member must be received in person 30 days prior to the meeting taking place.

8.10.2 That a special general meeting is called which the member to be expelled may attend in person, or submit in written form, grounds for his or her defence.

8.10.3 The motion to expel a Society member must be passed by special resolution.

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8.10.4 That the member is informed in writing of the decision of the meeting and the length of his or her expulsion.

8.11 Where a member of the Society is expelled, that member shall have the right of appeal to the OUSA Executive.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

9.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society shall be held during the month of September at such time and place as the Society Committee shall decide.

9.2 The AGM shall be held for the following purposes:

9.2.1 To receive, from the Society Committee, a report of the proceedings of the previous year and a statement of the Society accounts;

9.2.2 To elect the officers of the Society Committee for the following year;

9.2.3 To conduct any general business.

9.3 The President, or in their absence any member appointed by the meeting, shall be chair of the meeting.

9.4 Every motion shall be moved by one Society member and seconded by another.

9.5 Every member present shall be entitled to one vote,

9.5.1 In the case of an equality of votes the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.

9.6 The quorum shall be 20 per cent of the Society's total members or 6 members, whichever is greater.

9.7 At least 14 days' notice of the AGM shall be given to all members, by posting a notice on the OUSA notice board and/or the Society's Facebook page.

9.7.1 The notice shall include an agenda of business to be conducted at the AGM.

10. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS AND NO CONFIDENCE VOTES

10.1 The Society Committee on their own behalf or on the signed request of a quorum of members may at any time call a Special General Meeting.

10.1.1 If the Society Committee does not call a meeting within 14 days of receiving such a request, the requestors may themselves call a Special General Meeting.

10.1.2 Notice of a Special General Meeting shall be given in the manner described above for an AGM.

10.2 The conduct, voting procedures and quorum of a Special General Meeting shall be the same as those prescribed for the AGM.

10.3 At any Special General Meeting a motion of no confidence in the Society Committee, or any member thereof, may be passed by special resolution provided that 14 days' notice of such intention has been given.

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10.3.1 On the passing of such motion, the Committee member shall be deemed to have resigned and the meeting shall then have the power to, and may proceed to, elect a new Committee member to the vacant position(s).

10.3.2 Such new member shall hold office until the next AGM.

11. SOCIETY OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

11.1 The management and control of the Society shall be deputed to the officers of the Society who represent the Committee of the Society.

11.2 The Committee of the Society shall consist of a maximum of six (6) people, being the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Council Representative and two other general members, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

11.3 Every candidate for office shall be nominated at the meeting by one member of the Society and seconded by another.

11.4 Every member present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote.

11.5 In the event of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes, the chair of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

11.6 The Society Officers shall hold office for one year following their appointment or until an officer resigns.

11.6.1 Such resignation shall be effective immediately upon receipt in writing by the committee.

11.6.2 If a vacancy on the Society Committee occurs during the year, providing that a quorum remains, the Society Committee may appoint any member to fill such a vacancy, unless it has occurred due to a no confidence vote.

11.6.3 If a vacancy occurs due to a no confidence vote then section 10 of this constitution applies.

12. THE SOCIETY COMMITTEE

12.1 The Society Committee shall have full power at its meetings to deal with all matters relating to the objectives of the Society.

12.1.1 Any matters relating to the interpretation of these rules;

12.1.2 Except where power is vested in the Society at a general meeting.

12.2 All decisions shall be valid and binding on the members, only so far as they do not conflict with these rules, the rules of OUSA, or decisions of the OUSA Executive.

12.3 The Society Committee shall meet at such times as it deems fit.

12.4 The President, or in their absence, any member appointed by the Society Committee, shall, in the case of an equality of votes, have a second or casting vote at all Society Committee meetings.

12.5 The quorum for Society Committee meetings shall be at least four (4) Society Committee members.

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12.6 One member of the Society Committee shall be elected to represent the Society on the OUSA Affiliated Clubs Council.

13. FINANCE, PROPERTY AND RECORDS OF THE SOCIETY

13.1 The funds of the Society shall be in the control of the Society Committee, which will depute the treasurer to manage them.

13.2 The Treasurer shall also:

13.2.1 Keep a true record and account of all the receipts and payments of the Society including bank statements;

13.2.2 Prepare the statement of accounts and balance sheet for the financial year;

13.2.3 Keep the Society's asset register up to date.

13.3 The Secretary shall:

13.3.1 Keep a true record and account of the proceedings and meetings of the Society and the Society Committee;

13.3.2 Keep a correct and up to date membership list;

13.3.3 Conduct and archive all correspondence relating to the Society.

14. DISSAFFILIATION OF THE SOCIETY FROM OUSA

14.1 A Society may disaffiliate from OUSA at any time by notifying the CDO in writing.

14.1.1 Such notification will provide reasons for why the Society is disaffiliating from OUSA.

14.1.2 Notification will be provided by supplying the Society's AGM Minutes to that effect.

15. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

15.1 If the Society's committee members are unable to be contacted using all possible means for a period of six months the Society will be deemed to be dissolved.

15.2 Upon dissolution of the Society:

15.2.1 All funds remaining after debts have been cleared will be distributed to the Student Christian Movement Aotearoa Inc.

15.2.2 All assets will be distributed to the Student Christian Movement Aotearoa Inc.

16. AMENDMENT OF THIS CONSTITUTION

16.1 Proposed amendments to the constitution of the Society must be approved by the OUSA Financial Services Officer prior to ratification at the Society's General Meeting.

16.2 These rules can only be added to, repealed or amended by special resolution at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Society, provided that no resolution shall be deemed to have passed unless:

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16.2.1 14 days' notice of the proposed amendment has been given;

16.2.2 Once ratified at a General meeting of the Society, the new constitution must be submitted to the OUSA executive and approved by ordinary resolution.

Appendix One

Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi) *A modern translation of the Maori text.*

Preamble

Victoria, the Queen of England, in her concern to protect the chiefs and the subtribes of New Zealand and in her desire to preserve their chieftainship and their lands to them and to maintain peace and good order considers it just to appoint an administrator one who will negotiate with the people of New Zealand to the end that their chiefs will agree to the Queen's Government being established over all parts of this land and (adjoining) islands and also because there are many of her subjects already living on this land and others yet to come.

So the Queen desires to establish a government so that no evil will come to Maori and European living in a state of lawlessness. So the Queen has appointed "me, William Hobson a Captain" in the Royal Navy to be Governor for all parts of New Zealand (both those) shortly to be received by the Queen and (those) to be received hereafter and presents to the chiefs of the Confederation chiefs of the subtribes of New Zealand and other chiefs these laws set out here.

The First

The Chiefs of the Confederation and all the Chiefs who have not joined that Confederation give absolutely to the Queen of England for ever the complete government over their land.

The Second

The Queen of England agrees to protect the chiefs, the subtribes and all the people of New Zealand in the unqualified exercise of their chieftainship over their lands, villages and all their treasures.

But on the other hand the Chiefs of the Confederation and all the Chiefs will sell land to the Queen at a price agreed to by the person owning it and by the person buying it (the latter being) appointed by the Queen as her purchase agent.

The Third

For this agreed arrangement therefore concerning the Government of the Queen, the Queen of England will protect all the ordinary people of New

Zealand and will give them the same rights and duties of citizenship as the people of England.

(signed) William Hobson,

Consul and Lieutenant Governor.

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So we, the Chiefs of the Confederation of the subtribes of

New Zealand meeting here at Waitangi having seen the shape of these words which we accept and agree to record our names and our marks thus. Was done at Waitangi on the sixth of February in the year of our Lord 1840. (Here follows signatures, dates, etc.)

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