

Constitution of the Commerce Undergraduate Society



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ARTICLE I: Preamble

- A. Organization Name
 - 1. The organization shall be known as the “Commerce Undergraduate Society,” hereafter referred to as the CUS.
- B. Mission
 - 1. The mission of the CUS shall be to enhance the value of the UBC Sauder School of Business Bachelor of Commerce degree while cultivating the personal, professional and academic success of students.

ARTICLE II: Membership

- A. All undergraduate students who are registered at the Sauder School of Business in the Bachelor of Commerce program during the academic year and who have paid their CUS fee are members of the CUS.
 - 1. Only individuals fulfilling the requirements of article II, section (A) may be members of the CUS.
- B. All members of the CUS are afforded the same rights and opportunities to participate in CUS or CUS-related activities.
- C. Not with standing article II, section A(1), exchange students to the Sauder School of Business shall be deemed to be members of the CUS, except in the matters of:
 - 1. Elections
 - 2. Referendums
 - 3. Financial Assistance to attend External Conferences
 - 4. Membership in Board of Directors; OR
 - 5. Appointment to the Executive Council

ARTICLE III: Definitions and Interpretations

Unless otherwise defined within an article, the following terms shall be interpreted to mean:

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| -“Academic Year” | From the day after Labour Day until the final day of exams in April. |
| -“AMS” | Refers to the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. |
| -“Announce” | To post on the CUS website. |
| -“Distribute” | To post on the CUS website and upon request to make paper copies available. |
| -“Elections Committee” | Appointed by the Elections Officer as per the Hiring Policy; consisting of at least three (3) members as is necessitated by the AMS Code of Procedure. |
| -“Elections Officer” | The person charged with the fair and efficient administration of the CUS elections. |
| -“Exam Periods” | The time period from the last day of classes in the Fall semester until the first day of classes in January and the time period from the last day of classes in the Winter semester until the end of the academic year. |
| -“General Membership of the CUS” | The most current count of the individuals who are members, as provided by the Undergraduate Programs Office. |
| -“Line-by-line” | The approval of each item that appears on its own line in the annual CUS budget. These items represent any individual budget proposal as received by the Executive Council. |
| -“Portfolio” | The area of responsibility for the President or a Vice-President, outlined in the Executive Policy, and the Services Council members who report to that Executive Council member. |
| -“Present” | The physical or virtual attendance at a meeting. Where specified, the representation by proxy at a meeting. |
| -“Term” | From the incoming turnover date of the elected members of the Board of Directors until the outgoing turnover date of the majority of the Board of Directors. |

ARTICLE IV: Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors shall represent the general membership of the CUS and act on their behalf to the best of their ability as directed by the general membership of the CUS and the mission of the CUS.
- B. The Board of Directors shall be composed of:
 - 1. The following members elected by the general membership of the CUS:
 - i. President
 - ii. Senator

- iii. Alma Mater Society Representative
 - iv. Year One Representatives – three (3) representatives
 - v. Year Two Representatives – three (3) representatives
 - vi. Year Three Representatives – three (3) representatives
 - vii. Year Four Representatives – three (3) representatives
 - 2. The following members selected by, and from within, their respective councils:
 - i. Services Council Representatives – three (3) representatives
 - ii. Clubs' Council Representative – one (1) representative
 - iii. Executive Council Representatives – two (2) representatives

- C. Restrictions on Members of the Board of Directors
 - 1. All members of the Board of Directors must be members of the CUS.
 - 2. All Year One Representative candidates must hold a First Year student standing as confirmed by the Undergraduate Programs Office as at the election date.
 - 3. All Year Two Representative candidates must hold a First Year student standing as confirmed by the Undergraduate Programs Office as at the election date.
 - 4. All Year Three Representative candidates must hold a Second Year student standing as confirmed by the Undergraduate Programs Office as at the election date.
 - 5. All Year Four Representative candidates must hold a Third or Fourth Year student standing as confirmed by the Undergraduate Programs Office as at the election date.
 - 6. With exception of the Executive Council, Services Council and Clubs' Council Representatives, members of the Board of Directors shall not hold any Executive Council or Services Council Position, nor be a president of a Commerce Club.

- D. Board of Director Meetings
 - 1. Quorum is achieved when two-thirds (2/3rd) of the members of the Board of Directors are present.
 - 2. All Board of Directors members have the right to one (1) vote.
 - 3. No Board of Directors member shall hold more than one (1) voting position on the Board of Directors.
 - 4. The Speaker of the Board of Directors will be elected by and from the Board of Directors. The Speaker may not be the CUS President.
 - 5. The Speaker may only vote to break a tie.
 - 6. Subject to the provisions in article IV, section D(10), Board of Directors meetings may be called by the Speaker at any time.
 - 7. The Speaker shall convene a Board of Directors meeting if petitioned to do so by a quorum of Board of Directors members, President, OR a majority vote of Executive Council, subject to article IV, section D(10).
 - 8. Board of Directors meetings must be convened:
 - i. at least twice per month during the academic year, excepting the exam period;
 - ii. at least once during the December exam period, and once during the April exam period;
 - iii. at least once per month between May and August inclusive.
 - 9. All Board of Directors meetings shall be open to all members of the CUS unless specifically deemed in camera. Only a two-thirds (2/3rd) majority vote of Board of Directors can deem a meeting to be in camera.
 - 10. Board of Directors meetings must be announced at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.
 - 11. The proposed agenda of the Board of Directors meetings must be distributed at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

- E. Responsibilities of the Board of Directors shall be to:
 - 1. Foster a long-term strategy to fairly and efficiently achieve the mission of the CUS.
 - 2. Approve budgetary amendments greater than \$6500 but less than \$50,000 by a simple majority (50%) vote.
 - 3. Approve the annual CUS Budget as presented by the Executive Council.
 - 4. Manage Board of Director Committees as outlined in the Committee Policy.
 - 5. Select and appoint the Vice-Presidents of the Executive Council.
 - 6. Receive reports from Executive Council members at least twice a month.
 - 7. Evaluate and present recommendations for the continuation, discontinuation, or improvement of CUS activities to the incoming Board of Directors prior to turnover.
 - 8. Remove an appointed Executive Council member from Executive Council by a two-thirds (2/3rd) majority vote should that member derogate the CUS name or fail to fulfill their Executive duties.
 - 9. Maintain relations with recognized Commerce Clubs.
 - 10. Ensure each member of the Board of Directors provide an accurate e-mail address for publication on the CUS website.

- F. Residual Powers
 - 1. Powers which are not granted by this Constitution to any other council or to the general membership of the CUS are granted to the Board of Directors.
 - 2. Any decision of the Board of Directors may be overturned by a referendum of the general membership of the CUS.

- G. The Speaker of the Board of Directors shall:

1. Prepare and distribute the agenda and any related materials for each Board of Directors meeting 24 hours prior to the meeting.
2. Submit a continuity report to the Board of Directors pertaining to Board of Directors activities prior to turnover.
3. Issue written notification to individual members of the Board of Directors who miss more than one (1) Board of Directors meeting per term without notifying the appropriate person, as designated by the Speaker.
4. Keep accurate written records of Board of Director meetings posted on the CUS Website within 4 calendar days of the meeting.
5. Exercise due diligence at meetings and refer to the CUS Constitution and/or Robert's Rules of Order where there exists a question of order or procedure.
6. Ensure that this Constitution is signed and dated by all current members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V: Executive Council

- A. The Executive Council shall carry out their duties to the best of their ability as directed by the Board of Directors and the mission of the CUS.
- B. The Executive Council shall be composed of the following elected members:
 1. President
- C. The Executive Council shall also be composed of other members as established in the Executive Policy, appointed by the Board of Directors.
- D. Executive Council Meetings
 1. Quorum is achieved when fifty percent (50%) of the voting members of the Executive Council are present.
 2. All Executive Council positions have the right to one (1) vote.
 3. No Executive Council member shall hold more than one (1) voting position on the Executive Council. . The President shall be the Chair of the Executive Council.
 4. The Chair may only vote to break a tie, but is considered a voting member.
 5. Executive Council meetings may be called by the President at any time.
 6. The President shall convene an Executive Council meeting if petitioned to do so by a quorum of Executive Council members.
 7. Executive Council meetings must be convened:
 - i. at least twice per month during the academic year (with the exception of exam periods);
 - ii. at least once during the December exam period, and once during the April exam period;
 - iii. at least once per month between May and August inclusive.
 8. All Executive Council meetings shall be open to all members of the CUS unless specifically deemed in camera. Only a two-thirds (2/3rd) majority vote of Executive Council can deem a meeting to be in camera.
- E. Responsibilities of the Executive Council shall be to:
 1. Approve any budgetary amendment up to \$6500 by a simple majority (50%).
 2. Approve a new initiative for the current year, recognizing that its continuation in future years is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors as per article IV, section E.
 3. Select, appoint and oversee the Services Council.
 4. Have the power to remove appointed Services Council members from the Services Council, by a two-thirds (2/3rd) majority vote, for derogation of the CUS name or a failure to fulfill their CUS duties as outlined in the Services Council Policy.
 5. Reserve the right to recommend to the Board of Directors the removal of an Executive Council member from Executive Council by a simple majority (50%).
 6. Reserve the right to remove an Executive Council Representative from the Board of Directors by a simple majority (50%).
 7. All members of Executive Council shall:
 - i. Report regularly to all Executive Council meetings.
 - ii. Provide reports to the Board of Directors.
 - iv. Keep accurate written records of their meetings and activities and submit a continuity report pertaining to their activities prior to Executive turnover.
 - v. Hold monthly Portfolio meetings during the academic year (except during exam periods).
 - vi. Hold no other CUS position except as established within the Involvement Policy.
 - vi. Do such other things as required for the successful operations of the CUS.
 - vii. Complete Executive duties as outlined in the Executive Policy.

ARTICLE VI: President

- A. Responsibilities and Powers
 1. Chair all Executive Council meetings.
 2. Reserve the right to designate another member as Chair of Executive Council.
 3. Announce and hold office hours at least twice weekly, totaling no less than three (3) hours.
 4. Exercise due diligence at meetings and refer to the CUS Constitution and/or Robert's Rule of Order where there exists a question of order or procedure.

5. Enforce compliance with this Constitution.
6. Supervise and direct the duties of Executive Council and Services Council members.
7. Assign duties when necessary to any and all Executive Council and Services Council members.
8. Act as spokesperson for the CUS.
9. Maintain relations and communications with key Sauder School of Business contacts including, but not limited to:
 - i. the UBC Administration, President, Board of Governors, and Chancellor
 - ii. the Dean and Dean's Office
 - iii. the Director of Undergraduate Programs and Undergraduate Programs Office
 - iv. the Alumni Office
 - v. the recognized Commerce Clubs
10. Coordinate with the CUS Alma Mater Society Representative to maintain relations, communications and representation of the general membership of the CUS to the Alma Mater Society.
11. Ensure regular attendance of the Alma Mater Society Council by him/herself or an appointed proxy.
12. Perform duties required to further the mission of the CUS.

ARTICLE VII: Alma Mater Society Representative

A. Responsibilities and Powers

1. Coordinate with the President of the CUS to maintain relations, communications and representation of the general membership of the CUS to the Alma Mater Society.
2. Ensure attendance of the Alma Mater Society Council by him/herself or an appointed proxy.
3. Actively participate in Alma Mater Society Committees.
4. Attend AMS activities and events to represent the CUS.
5. Announce AMS activities and events to the general membership of the CUS.
6. Announce CUS activities and events to the AMS.
7. Promote strong interfaculty relations.

B. Adjustments

1. Should the CUS have an additional Alma Mater Society Representative, this Constitution shall be amended to reflect the number of Commerce Alma Mater Society Representatives currently on AMS Council.
2. Should the CUS lose a seat on AMS Council, this Constitution shall be amended to reflect the number of Commerce Alma Mater Society Representatives currently on AMS Council
 - i. The Board of Directors shall appoint the Official AMS Representative(s) from the Alma Mater Society Representative(s) and the President.
 - ii. In this case, any individual(s) not selected as Official AMS Representative(s) will retain voting power on the Board of Directors and any other responsibilities within the CUS.

ARTICLE VIII: Senator

A. Responsibilities and Powers

1. Fulfill the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of the position of Student Senator as dictated by the all and any rules and regulations governing the UBC Vancouver Senate.
2. Attend all UBC Senate meetings and Student Senate Caucus meetings, representing the best interests of the general membership of the CUS.
3. Actively participate in Senate Committees.
4. Promote strong interfaculty relations.

ARTICLE IX: Services Council

A. Membership

1. The Services Council shall consist of the members as dictated by the Services Council Policy.
 - i. The President of the CUS shall not be eligible to vote in Services Council.

B. Services Council Meetings

1. Quorum is achieved by a majority (50%) of the members of the Services Council.
2. All Services Council members have the right to one (1) vote.
3. The President of the CUS shall be Chair of the Services Council.
4. Meetings of the Services Council may be called by a majority (50%) of the Services Council Board of Directors Representatives, the President of the CUS, or a petition of ten
5. (10) Services Council members.
6. The Services Council shall meet at least once per academic year.
7. All Services Council meetings shall be opened to all members of the CUS unless specifically deemed in camera. Only a two-thirds (2/3rd) majority vote of Services Council can deem a meeting to be in camera.

C. Services Council Representatives to the Board of Directors

1. The Services Council must elect from its membership three (3) Board of Directors Representatives prior to the end of the academic year in which they are appointed.
2. Candidates for Services Council Representative must be a member of the Services Council at the date of selection.

3. The Services Council may remove a Services Council Representative from the Board of Directors by a simple majority (50%).

ARTICLE X: Clubs' Council

- A. The Clubs' Council shall advise the Executive Council and the Board of Directors in areas of concern to Commerce Clubs.
- B. Membership
 1. The Clubs' Council shall consist of the President of the CUS and the Presidents or designated representative of each of the Commerce Club, as established in the Clubs Policy.
- C. Clubs' Council Meetings
 1. Quorum is achieved by a majority (50%) of the members of the Clubs' Council.
 2. All Clubs' Council members have the right to one (1) vote.
 3. No Clubs' Council member shall hold more than one (1) voting position on the Clubs' Council.
 4. The Chair of the Clubs' Council shall be the Clubs' Council Representative to the Board of Directors.
 - i. Should the Clubs' Council Representative not be present, the President of the CUS shall chair the meeting.
 5. The Chair may only vote to break a tie.
 6. Clubs' Council meetings may be called by the Clubs' Council Chair or the President of the CUS at any time.
 7. The Clubs' Council Chair shall convene a Clubs' Council meeting if petitioned to do so by a quorum of Clubs' Council members.
 8. Clubs' Council meetings must be convened at least once per semester during the academic year (with the exception of exam periods).
 9. All Clubs' Council meetings shall be opened to all members of the CUS unless specifically deemed in camera. Only a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of Clubs' Council can deem a meeting to be in camera
- D. Clubs' Council Representatives to the Board of Directors
 1. The Clubs' Council shall elect from its membership one (1) Board of Directors Representative prior to the first Board of Directors meeting after turnover.
 - i. The President of the CUS may not be the Clubs' Council Representative to the Board of Directors.
 2. The Clubs' Council Representative will report to the Board of Directors on events occurring in recognized Commerce Clubs.
 3. The Clubs' Council may remove its Clubs' Council Representative from the Board of Directors by a simple majority (50%).

ARTICLE XI: Ombudsperson

- A. The Ombudsperson shall:
 1. Not be eligible to vote on any committee or council he/she is a member of, nor hold any CUS position while serving his/her term as Ombudsperson.
 2. Investigate and make a report based on any:
 - i. Complaint or question that a CUS member has with the CUS and its organizations,
 - ii. Directive from the Board of Directors or the Executive Council, OR,
 - iii. Observed violations of this Constitution.
 3. Recommend a course of action to the Board of Directors or the Executive Council or any of the Society's organizations where such action is necessitated.
 4. Where possible, be responsible for the resolution of any complaint or question referred to in article XI, section A(2).
 5. Represent or ensure representation for any active CUS member in approaching the Sauder School of Business in individual matters.
 6. Make known to the members of the CUS that he/she is available for the hearing of complaints or questions by posting on his/her office door and website:
 - i. Specific office hours to be held
 - ii. Contact information of the Ombudsperson
 7. Announce and hold no less than three (3) office hours per week no less than two (2) days per week during the academic year, excluding exam periods.
 8. Attend all CUS Board of Directors and Executive Council meetings.
 9. Have the right to attend any meetings of Councils, Committees, and other bodies of the CUS, including meetings held in camera.
 10. Act in an impartial and unbiased manner in the exercise of his/her duties.
 11. Maintain confidentiality with respect to all matters brought to his/her attention.
 12. Make a report of the Ombudsperson available to all concerned parties.
 13. Refer unresolved cases, or cases with an actual or perceived conflict of interest, to the AMS Ombuds Office or the UBC Ombuds Office.
 14. In conducting a formal investigation, at minimum:
 - i. Conduct research into the rules and regulations that are pertinent to the complaint,
 - ii. Contact and attempt to interview all parties involved, and invite such parties to make a written

- D. Other Budgetary Requirements:
 - 1. The Executive Council must present financial statements to the Board of Directors upon request.
 - 2. The budget shall be distributed to the general membership of the CUS within seven (7) days of its approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV: Elections and Turnover

- A. Administration of the Elections
 - 1. Elections shall be administered by the CUS Elections Officer.
 - 2. The Elections Officer shall appoint an Elections Committee consisting of at least three (3) members in good standing of the CUS, who do not hold an elected or executive position, nor are candidates for any elected or executive position.
 - 3. The Elections Committee shall ensure that Elections are run in accordance with the CUS Elections Policy and the AMS Code of Procedure.
- B. Restrictions on Timing of Elections
 - 1. Elections shall be held only during the academic year.
 - 2. No elections shall be held during exam periods.
- C. Board of Directors -First Year Representatives
 - 1. Elections for three (3) First Year Representatives on the Board of Directors shall occur at the discretion of the current Board of Directors before the end of September.
 - 2. First Year Representatives may be elected only by those members of the CUS holding First Year student standing as confirmed by the Undergraduate Programs Office as at the election date.
 - 3. Turnover for the First Year Representatives shall occur by the end of the March following their election.
- D. Board of Directors – Second Year, Third Year, Fourth Year Representatives
 - 1. Elections for three (3) Second Year Representatives, three (3) Third Year Representatives, and three (3) Fourth Year Representatives shall occur at the discretion of the current Board of Directors prior to the commencement of Reading Break.
 - 2. Second Year Representatives may be elected only by those members of the CUS holding First Year student standing as confirmed by the Undergraduate Programs Office as at the election date.
 - 3. Third Year Representatives may be elected only by those members of the CUS holding Second Year student standing as confirmed by the Undergraduate Programs Office as at the election date.
 - 4. Fourth Year Representatives may be elected only by those members of the CUS holding Third or Fourth Year student standing as confirmed by the Undergraduate Programs Office as at the election date.
 - 5. Turnover for the Second Year, Third Year, and Fourth Year Representatives shall occur by the end of March.
- E. Board of Directors – President, Senator, AMS Representative
 - 1. Elections for one (1) President, one (1) Senator and one (1) AMS Representative shall occur at the discretion of the current Board of Directors prior to the commencement of Reading Break.
 - 2. Turnover for the President and AMS Representative shall occur by the end of March.
 - 3. Turnover for the Senator shall be in accordance with Senate policy.
- F. Ombudsperson
 - 1. Elections for one (1) Ombudsperson shall occur at the discretion of the current Board of Directors prior to the commencement of Reading Break.
 - 2. Turnover for the Ombudsperson shall occur by the end of March.
- G. Board of Directors – Services Council Representatives, Executive Council Representatives, Clubs’ Council Representative
 - 1. Elections for three (3) Services Council Representatives, two (2) Executive Council Representatives, and one (1) Clubs’ Council Representative shall be elected from within their respective councils by the end of the academic year.
 - 2. Turnover for the Services Council Representatives, Executive Council Representatives, and Clubs’ Council Representative shall be the first meeting of the Board of Directors following their election by respective council.

Article XVI: Annual Appointments

- A. Services Council appointments are to be made by Executive Council in an in camera meeting following the appointment of the Executive Council. Applications for appointment must be made available and advertised per the Hiring Policy.
- B. Executive Council may appoint either existing or additional services to Services’ Council to serve in any capacity, at any time.
- C. In the event that a Services Council member resigns, is removed by the Executive Council, can no longer claim general membership in the CUS, or becomes in any other way unable to fulfill their duties, his/her vacant position must be filled as outlined in article XVI, section A.

Article XVII: Recognized Commerce Clubs

- A. Any registered AMS club in good standing may apply to the Board of Directors to be a recognized Commerce Club. Recognized Commerce Clubs must as their primary focus substantially contribute to the achievement of the CUS mission statement.
- B. Relations with the recognized Commerce Clubs shall be maintained as established in the Clubs Policy.

Article XVIII: Governance

- A. This Constitution shall remain the law governing the conduct and activity of the CUS.
- B. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the CUS in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution, the AMS Code of Procedure, Bylaws and Constitution, or any special rules adopted by the general membership of the CUS from time to time.
 - 1. There shall be a copy of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised available in the Office of the CUS President.
- C. The Board of Directors may create, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, further rules and procedures for the CUS provided that such rules are consistent with, and subservient to, this Constitution.
- D. Nothing within this Constitution shall be interpreted in such a way as to be inconsistent with the AMS Code of Procedure, Bylaws or Constitution.

ARTICLE XIX: Record of Constitution

- A. A copy of this Constitution shall be kept on file at the AMS Archives and the CUS Offices and shall be available for viewing.
- B. A copy of this Constitution shall be published on the CUS website.
- C. In circumstances where there is a disagreement between two or more copies of the CUS Constitution only the printed copy of the CUS Constitution, kept in the Office of the President of the CUS, signed and dated by all members of the current Board of Directors, shall be considered the official version.
- D. A record of all past constitutions and amendments must be kept in the Office of the Ombudsperson in perpetuity.

ARTICLE XX: Referendums

- A. A referendum shall be called by the President of the CUS upon:
 - 1. a resolution of the Board of Directors, OR
 - 2. a petition, delivered to the President of the CUS and signed by 100 members. The petition must include the petitioners':
 - i. names;
 - ii. year of academic standing; AND,
 - iii. the specific request that is to be voted on.
- B. Upon formal receipt of a petition in accordance with article XX, section A(2), the Board of Directors and petitioners, or their delegates, henceforth "the parties", must agree on the wording of the question. Should the parties be unable to agree on the wording, the Ombudsperson shall act as binding arbitrator.
- C. The question posed in a referendum shall be drafted so that it may be answered "yes" or "no".
- D. Subject to article XX, section E, upon the finalization of the wording of the question, the President shall hold the referendum no sooner than seven (7) calendar days, and no later than thirty (30) calendar days.
- E. Referendum shall only be held except during the academic year, excepting the exam period.
- F. Should less than fourteen (14) calendar days of the referendum period established in article XX, section D occur during the academic year, the Elections Officer may delay the referendum until the first thirty (30) calendar days of the next academic year.
- G. A referendum of the CUS shall be acted upon by the CUS where:
 - 1. subject to other sections in the Constitution, a simple majority (50%) of votes cast support the referendum; AND
 - 2. at least fifteen (15%) of the general membership of the CUS has voted.
- H. All referendums shall occur in accordance with the Elections Policy of the CUS.

ARTICLE XXI: Recall

- A. Recall of the President, Senator, AMS Representative, or a Year Representative of the Board of Directors of the CUS:
1. The President, Senator, AMS Representative, First Year Representative, Second Year Representative, Third Year Representative or Fourth Year Representative of the Board of Directors may be removed from office by a referendum, held in accordance with article XX.
 2. A Year Representative of the Board of Directors may only be recalled by the members of the CUS originally eligible to elect the Representative.
 3. A vote to remove The President, Senator, AMS Representative, First Year Representative, Second Year Representative, Third Year Representative or Fourth Year Representative of the Board of Directors of the CUS shall be acted upon by the CUS where:
 - i. sixty (60%) of the votes cast support the referendum; AND,
 - ii. at least fifteen (15%) of the eligible general membership of the CUS have cast a vote.
- B. Recall of the Ombudsperson of the CUS:
1. The Ombudsperson may be removed by a referendum, held in accordance with article X.
 - i. A referendum to recall the Ombudsperson must be initiated by petition as per article XX, section A(2).
 2. A vote to remove the Ombudsperson of the CUS shall be acted upon by the CUS where:
 - i. sixty (60%) of the votes cast support the referendum; AND,
 - ii. at least fifteen (15%) of the general membership of the CUS have cast a vote.
- C. Subject to article XV, section B, an election to fill any recalled elected position shall be held within 30 calendar days.
1. Should less than fourteen (14) calendar days of the remain in the academic year before the beginning of the exam period the Elections Officer may delay the election to the first thirty (30) calendar days of the next academic year.
- D. Recall of Executive Council Representatives, Services Council Representatives and Clubs Council Representative from the Board of Directors of the CUS:
1. The Executive Council Representatives, Services Council Representatives and Clubs' Council Representative may be removed from the Board of Directors at a meeting of the respective council, with at least seven (7) calendar days notice given.
 2. A vote to remove a Council Representative from the Board of Directors of the CUS shall be acted upon by the CUS where:
 - i. a simple majority (50%) of the votes cast support the motion.
 - ii. should a(n) Executive Council Representative, Services Council Representative and/or Clubs' Council Representative be recalled, a meeting shall be held to fill the vacant seat no more than 14 calendar days after the recall of the member.

ARTICLE XXII: In Term Vacancies

- A. In the event that any position-holder elected by the general membership of the CUS is unable to fulfill their obligations, the Board of Directors shall designate, by a simple majority (50%) vote, an individual to act in that position until an election to fill the vacated position can be held.
- B. Subject to article XV, section B, the election shall be held within 30 calendar days.
- C. Should less than fourteen (14) calendar days of the remain in the academic year before the beginning of the exam period the Elections Officer may delay the referendum until the first thirty (30) calendar days of the next academic year.

ARTICLE XXIII: Amendment of the Constitution

- A. This Constitution may only be amended by:
1. A referendum, held in accordance with the CUS Elections Policy.
 2. A vote to amend the Constitution shall be acted upon by the CUS where:
 - i. two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast support the referendum, AND
 - ii. at least ten (10%) of the general membership of the CUS have cast a vote.
- B. Should a parent or subsidiary organization change its name, references in this Constitution to that organization shall be changed to reflect the new name of the organization.

ARTICLE XXIV: Implementation

- A. Effective Date
1. By the power of a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority or greater of at least ten (10%) of the General Membership of the CUS, this Constitution will come into force February 1, 2009.