

<Constitution>
Student Union of Lee Woo Sing College,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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Interpretation and General Rules

0. Interpretation

In this Constitution, unless otherwise specified, the following explanations of terms shall apply:

- (1) “Constitution” shall mean this document, that is the Constitution of the Student Union of Lee Woo Sing College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
- (2) “Student Union” shall mean The Student Union of Lee Woo Sing College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
- (3) “University” shall mean The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
- (4) “College” shall mean Lee Woo Sing College;
- (5) “Council” shall mean the present Council constituted according to Article 5 of this Constitution;
- (6) “Election Committee” shall mean the present Election Committee constituted according to [24(2)] or [25] of this Constitution;
- (7) “Members’ Procedures” shall mean the highest executive body, including the General Polling and General Meeting;
- (8) “General Polling” shall mean the General Polling in Article 3 of this Constitution;
- (9) “General Meeting” shall mean the General Meeting in Article 4 of this Constitution;
- (10) “Joint Conference” shall mean the present Joint Conference in Article 6 of this Constitution;
- (11) “Executive Committee” shall mean the present Executive Committee constituted according to Article 7, or the present Interim Committee acting on behalf of the Executive Committee constituted according to Article 14 of this Constitution;
- (12) “Executive Committee of Residential Students’ Association” shall mean the present Executive Committee of Residential Students’ Association constituted according to Article 8, or the present Interim Committee acting on behalf of the Executive Committee of Residential Students’ Association constituted according to Article 14 of this Constitution;
- (13) “Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students’ Association” shall mean the present Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students’ Association constituted according to Article 9, or the present Interim Committee acting on behalf of the Executive

Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association constituted according to Article 14 of this Constitution;

- (14) "Central Organizations" shall mean the Council, Executive Committee, Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association, and Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association.
- (15) "Affiliated Societies" shall mean the affiliated societies constituted according to Article 11 of this Constitution;
- (16) "Permanent vacancy" shall mean loss of membership, approved resignation or removal from office;
- (17) "Temporary vacancy" shall mean on leave, neither permitted nor denied resignation, removal from office submitted but neither passed nor vetoed, unable to handle certain responsibilities in time, or unable to be reached for a consecutive of seventy-two hours;
- (18) "Vote" shall mean the net difference of Vote of confidence less Vote of disapproval;
- (19) "Financial Consultant" shall mean the Financial Consultant hired according to [75] of this Constitution.

Article 1—General Principles

1. Name

The name of the Student Union is “The Student Union of Lee Woo Sing College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong” (abbreviated as WSSU. The name of the Student Union is 「香港中文大學和聲書院學生會」.

2. Aim

- (1) To promote the complete education on both knowledge and morality, and the correct attitude on oneself and life;
- (2) To encourage unity, democracy, to seek benefits for members and to protect the rights of members;
- (3) To act as a platform of communication among members, College and the University, to ensure the academic freedom, freedom of thought and speech;
- (4) To nurture ideas and responsibilities on community , society and country for members;
- (5) To focus on problems of community , society and country, to promote the development of community, society and country.

3. Composition

WSSU consists of General Meeting, General Polling, Joint Conference, Directive Council, Executive Committee, Residential Students’ Association, Non-Residential Students’ Association, and Affiliated Societies.

4. Position

WSSU is highest autonomous student body of the College, all other autonomous student units must be registered as Affiliated Societies of the WSSU, subjected to supervision from WSSU and to abide by the Constitution.

5. Official Languages

The Official Languages of WSSU are Chinese and English (mainly Chinese, English as auxiliary one). Should there be any discrepancies between the Chinese and English versions of the Constitution, Chinese version shall prevail.

6. Address

The official address of WSSU is Lee Woo Sing College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Article 2—Membership

7. Ordinary Member

(1) Qualifications

All undergraduates admitted to full-time bachelor programs (excluding exchange students) who are admitted to Lee Woo Sing College would automatically become ordinary members of the Student Union.

(2) Qualification and Termination of Membership

(a) All students satisfying the criteria in [7(1)] would automatically qualify for membership.

(b) If any Ordinary Member ceases to be a student of the University, ceases to be affiliated to the College, or passes away, his/her membership shall automatically be terminated.

(3) Responsibility

(a) Abide by the Constitution, Ordinances and By-laws;

(b) Abide by motions passed in General Meeting, General Polling, Council and Joint Conference;

(c) Pay required membership fees.

(4) Rights

(a) The right to elect and to be elected, propose amendments to the Constitution, renew discussions on decisions, right to propose, agree and veto;

(b) The right to attend General Meeting, attend any general meetings of the Council and Executive Committee, or any other meetings under permission of the chairperson of the meeting;

(c) The right to speak and vote in General Meeting, and vote in General Polling;

(d) The right to participate all activities held by the Student Union;

(e) The right to become members of Affiliated Societies of the Student Union;

(f) The right to enjoy all benefits and facilities provided by the Student Union under the rules and regulations of the Student Union.

8. Associate Members

(1) Qualifications

All students who acquired student status of the University and are admitted to Lee Woo Sing College, including exchange students, can become Associate Members of the Student Union by proposal of the Executive Committee and approval of the Council.

(2) Qualification and Termination of Membership

- (a) All students satisfying the criteria in [8(1)] would automatically qualify for membership.
- (b) If any Associate Member ceases to be a student of the University, ceases to be affiliated to the College, or passes away, his/her membership shall automatically be terminated.

(3) Responsibility

- (a) Abide by the Constitution, Ordinances and By-laws;
- (b) Abide by motions passed in General Meeting, General Polling, Council and Joint Conference;
- (c) Pay required membership fees.

(4) Rights and Limitations

- (a) No right to elect and to be elected, propose amendments to the Constitution, renew discussions on decisions, right to propose, agree and veto under all circumstances;
- (b) The right to participate all activities held by the Student Union;
- (c) The right to become members of Affiliated Societies of the Student Union;
- (d) The right to enjoy all benefits and facilities provided by the Student Union under the rules and regulations of the Student Union.

9. Honorary Members

(1) Qualifications

All persons who have significant contribution to the Student Union can become Honorary Members by proposal of the Executive Committee and approval of two-thirds or more of the Council members.

(2) Qualification and Termination of Membership

- (a) All students satisfying the criteria in [9(1)] would automatically qualify for membership. The term of the membership is three years, renewable every three years.
- (b) If any Honorary Member passes away, his/her membership shall automatically be terminated from the day of his/her death.

(3) Responsibility

Abide by the Constitution, Ordinances and By-laws.

(4) Rights and Limitations

- (a) No right to elect and to be elected, propose amendments to the Constitution, renew discussions on decisions, right to propose, agree and veto under all circumstances;
- (b) The right to participate all activities held by the Student Union;
- (c) The right to enjoy all benefits and facilities provided by the Student Union under the rules and regulations of the Student Union.

Article 3—General Polling

10. Position

General Polling is the means of execution of the highest legislative and executive authority. Motions decided in General Polling automatically become the highest resolution and stance of the Student Union. All members and organizations must abide by it.

11. Operation Procedures

(1) Start of a motion

- (a) Proposed by the Council, General Meeting or Joint Conference; or
- (b) Proposed by one mover and cosigned by no less than one-tenth of all Ordinary Members as seconders.

(2) Motion Content

- (a) Motions for General Polling shall not conflict with the Constitution. Should there be any conflict, the motion is to be automatically rescinded. The proposer should propose amendments of relevant parts of the Constitution. After the motion of amending the Constitution has been passed, the motion is to undergo General Polling;
- (b) Motions for General Polling can only be replied with three options: Approve, Disapprove or Abstain.

(3) Organizing Unit

Election Committee shall be responsible to handle all affairs related to General Polling according to the Constitution, including but not limited to setting up rules and instructions for voting, and announcement of voting details.

(4) Announcement of Motion

Election Committee shall announce the related motion and voting time within ten days after submission for discussion

(5) Voting Period

Voting shall start within ten to twenty days after the announcement of the voting motion. The total voting time shall be no less than twenty hours

(6) Method of Voting

Those who are eligible to vote shall receive ballot at the voting spot in person, and vote on-site anonymously. The vote should be cast into a sealed ballot box

(7) Valid Polling

There shall be no less than one-fourth of all Ordinary Members casting votes to the polling valid.

(8) Passing Votes

A motion of General Polling shall pass when there are more Votes of approval than Votes of disapproval

(9) Ballot Counting and Announcement of Results

Ballot counting shall take place within forty-eight hours after the voting period ends. Election Committee shall announce the results immediately after the ballot counting, and make a public announcement to all members within five days.

(10) Insufficient Votes

Should there be insufficient votes in total for the first polling, the motion shall automatically become invalid.

Article 4—General Meeting

12. Position

General Meeting is the means of execution of the highest executive authority second only to General Polling. Motions decided in General Meeting automatically become the highest resolution and stance of the Student Union. All members and organizations must abide by it.

13. Organization

- (1) The Chairperson of the Council shall be the ex-officio chairperson of General Meeting, and the Secretary General of the Council shall be the ex-officio secretary of General Meeting.
- (2) Should the position of Chairperson of the Council be vacant, the President of the Student Union shall be the ex-officio chairperson; should the Executive Committee be vacant, the Executive Committees of Non-Residential Students' Association and Residential Students' Association shall elect one member as the chairperson.
- (3) All members shall have the right to attend the General Meeting.
- (4) All ordinary members shall have the right to vote.

14. Operation Procedures

(1) Quorum

The quorum of the General Meeting shall be one-sixth of all Ordinary Members.

(2) Decision

Any motions submitted during the General Meeting shall require the approval of two-thirds of attendees to pass.

(3) Adjournment of Meeting due to lack of quorum

Should the number of attendees does not meet the quorum within forty-five minutes of the scheduled time of the meeting, the chairperson shall declare the meeting adjourned, the documents shall be processed by the Council.

15. Ordinary Meeting

(1) Frequency

At least one ordinary meeting shall be held yearly. It shall take place within thirty days after the start of the term of office of the Executive Committee or Interim Committee of the Executive Committee.

(2) Responsibility

- (a) Report the yearly report and financial report of the Student Union;
- (b) Discuss and decide motions submitted by procedures listed as follows:
 - (i) Decided in the Council, Joint Conference or Executive Committee; or
 - (ii) Proposed by one mover and agreed by the joint signature of no less than one-tenth of all Ordinary Members.
- (c) Extempore motions moved by one attendee and seconded by at least ten other attendees.

(3) Notification

The Chairperson of General Meeting shall notify all members the details of the meeting with agenda (including but not limited to date, time and place of meeting) at least seven days before the meeting.

16. Extraordinary Meeting

(1) Start of Motion

- (a) Decided in the Council, Joint Conference or Executive Committee; or
- (b) Proposed by one mover and agreed by the joint signature of no less than one-tenth of all Ordinary Members.

(2) Responsibility

Decide on the motions proposed according to [16(1)].

(3) Notification

The Chairperson of General Meeting shall issue a written notification with agenda within five days of the proposal of motions.

(4) Time of the meeting

The meeting shall be convened within fourteen days of the issue of notification and agenda

(5) Extempore Motions

No extempore motions are allowed.

Article 5—Council

17. Position

The Council is the highest supervisory, legislative, judiciary organization of the Student Union, and the representative organization of the will of members second only to the Members' Procedures.

18. Responsibility

- (1) Explain and review the operation of the Constitution, and submit proposals to the General Polling for amendments of the Constitution;
- (2) Legislate or amend Ordinances and By-laws;
- (3) Monitor memberships and affairs of Affiliated Societies;
- (4) Settle disputes between Central Organizations and Affiliated Societies;
- (5) Fairly supervise, seek advice from, and liaise with the Joint Conference, Executive Committee, Residential Students' Association and Non-Residential Students' Association;
- (6) Examine and approve the yearly plan, financial budget, yearly report, and financial report;
- (7) Denounce Central Organizations or its members who do not abide by the Constitution, or fail to fulfill responsibilities;
- (8) Examine and approve yearly report and financial report of Affiliated Societies;
- (9) Submit to the Financial Consultant to verify examined and approved financial reports of the Executive Committee, Residential Students' Association and Non-Residential Students' Association;
- (10) Denounce members who do not abide by the Constitution, or fail to fulfill responsibilities;
- (11) Take charge of matters related to election;
- (12) Appoint Ordinary Members as student representatives of Committees under the Assembly of Fellows of the College;
- (13) Appoint College Student Union Representatives of the Representative Council of CUSU.

19. Organization

(1) Ex-officio Councilors

One member from preceding Executive Committee,
Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association,

and Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association, three Councilors in total, shall be the ex-officio Councilors of the Council.

(2) Elected Councilors

Maximum of nine elected position. Should there be fewer than five elected Councilors, it will be handled according to [80(3)(g)].

(3) Position and Responsibility

The Council is composed of eight to twelve people, including permanent positions of one Chairperson and one Secretary General. All permanent positions shall be elected by all members in the first Ordinary Meeting.

(a) Responsibility of the Chairperson

- (i) Write agendas for Council meetings;
- (ii) Act on behalf of the Council when necessary, decisions should be verified in the next meeting to ensure validity;
- (iii) Take up the post of Acting President of the Student Union when the Executive Committee is vacant or dissolved.

- (b) The Secretary General is responsible to take minutes of Council meetings, and act on behalf the Council Chairperson when the post is temporarily vacant.

20. Term of Office

Except for the Council Chairperson's extension of his/her term of office until the successor has been produced, the term of office of all other Councilors shall begin on 1st March or the date election results are released (according to the later date), and end on the last day of February the following year.

21. Operation Procedures

(1) Yearly Report and Financial Report

The Council should examine and approve the yearly report and financial report of the previous year and make public to all members. The Council should also complete the yearly report and financial report according to the income and expenditure during the term within fifteen days after the end of term of office, and submit to the General Meeting

for examination and approval in the following year and for verification of the next Financial Consultant.

(2) Ordinary Meeting

(a) Frequency

At least one Ordinary Meeting shall be held monthly, but the first Ordinary Meeting should be convened within ten days of the start of term of office by the Chairperson of the preceding Council.

(b) Notification and Time

The Chairperson shall notify all Councilors, announce to all members about the details of the meeting with agenda five days before the meeting.

(c) Quorum

No less than two-thirds of all Councilors.

(d) Decisions

Any motions should only be passed with the approval of no less than half of the Councilors present.

(e) Adjournment of Meeting due to lack of quorum

If the number of Councilors does not meet the quorum, the Chairperson should announce the adjournment of meeting and re-convene the meeting within seven days.

22. Vacancy of Councilors

(1) Permanent Vacancy

(a) Should any permanent position (including the Chairperson and Secretary General) is permanently vacant, one other Councilor should be elected for the vacant position.

(b) Should there be permanent vacancies of any ex-officio or elected Councilors, causing the number of Councilors to be fewer than eight, the remaining vacancies should be filled by nomination, review, approval and appointment of members by the Council. If the remaining vacancies cannot be filled, no re-election is needed.

23. Resignation

(1) The resignation of the Council Chairperson is immediately effective after approval of two-thirds of all Councilors, however the status of Councilor is retained.

- (2) The resignation of the Council Secretary General is immediately effective after approval of two-thirds of all Councilors, however the status of Councilor is retained.
- (3) The resignation of an Councilor is immediately effective after approval of two-thirds of all Councilors.

24. Dissolution

(1) Automatic Dissolution

The Council shall automatically be dissolved if there is fewer than one Councilor. Members' Procedures must appoint an Election Committee to re-elect the Council, and the Election Committee shall handle responsibilities on behalf of the Council.

(2) Forced Dissolution

Should the Council violates the Constitution or fails to fulfill its responsibilities, the General Polling has the right to dissolve the Council. Members' Procedures must appoint an Election Committee to re-elect the Council, and the Election Committee shall handle responsibilities on behalf of the Council.

25. Election Committee

(1) Position

One of the Permanent Committees under the Council and accountable to the Council, and is required to submit a yearly report.

(2) Organization

- (a) Eight to fifteen people in total, four of whom must be Councilors, and another four to eleven Ordinary Members shall be appointed by the Council.
- (b) Permanent positions include one chairperson and one secretary, the chairperson must be a Councilor.
- (c) All Election Committee members shall not participate in any elections organized by the Committee.

(3) Responsibility

Take charge of and organized all affairs related to election and voting according to the Constitution, including but not limited to setting up and announcement of nomination period, holding voting booths and vote counting.

26. Other Permanent Committees

(1) Position

- (a) The Council can set up other Permanent Committees.
- (b) Permanent Committees are accountable to the Council, and required to submit a yearly report.

(2) Organization

- (a) At least four members.
- (b) Permanent positions include one chairperson and one secretary.
- (c) The chairperson must be a Councilor.

(3) Responsibility

Separately set by the Council.

27. Special Committees

Under special circumstances, the Council can establish Special Committees according to its need. The Special Committees are constituted by Ordinary Members, and the chairperson must be a Councilor. The member composition should be approved by the Council. Special Committees shall submit reports to the Council.

Article 6—Joint Conference

28. Position

The Joint Conference is the highest executive organization when the Members' Procedures are at recess. It is a non-regular meeting responsible to handle serious emergent matters.

29. Responsibility

- (1) Handle serious administrative issues when the Members' Procedures are at recess;
- (2) Represent the Student Union and express members' opinion in College, University and the public;
- (3) Handle important executive affairs of emergent and sudden nature;
- (4) Act as a bridge of communication between Executive Committee, Residential Students' Association and Non-Residential Students' Association;
- (5) Propose to the Council to denounce members of Executive Committee, Residential Students' Association or Non-Residential Students' Association who do not abide by the Constitution or fail to fulfill responsibility;
- (6) Propose to the Members' Procedures through the Council to remove members of Executive Committee, Residential Students' Association or Non-Residential Students' Association who do not abide by the Constitution or fail to fulfill responsibility from office.

30. Organization

- (1) The Council Chairperson shall be the meeting convener and chairperson.
- (2) The Council Secretary General shall be the secretary of the meeting.
- (3) Presidents of the Student Union, Residential Students' Association and Non-Residential Students' Association shall be the ex-officio members.
- (4) The Executive Committee, Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association and Non-Residential Students' Association shall appoint another three representative and the Council shall appoint another two representatives to attend the meeting.
- (5) Should a certain organization is vacant, the Council shall appoint three Ordinary Members as representatives of the organization.

- (6) Should a representative is temporarily or permanently vacant, the corresponding organization shall appoint another member for the position.

31. Operation Procedures

- (1) Convening the Joint Conference
- (2) Notification and time

The meeting convener shall notify all members of the Joint Conference, announce to all members about the details of the meeting with agenda five to fourteen days before the meeting.

- (3) Quorum

Four-fifths of all Joint Conference member or above.

32. Decisions

Any motions proposed in the meeting shall only be passed with approval of two-thirds of the attendees or above.

33. Adjournment of Meeting due to lack of quorum

If the number of members present does not meet the quorum, the meeting shall be re-convened within seven days. If number of members present still does not meet the quorum, the agenda shall be handled by the Council, relevant decisions made by the Council shall have equal binding force as those made by the Joint Conference.

Article 7—Executive Committee

34. Position

The Executive Committee is the daily highest executive organization of the Student Union, and accountable to the Members' Procedures, Joint Conference, Council and all members.

35. Responsibility

- (1) Execute decisions made by the Members' Procedure, Joint Conference and Council;
- (2) Appoint the chairperson and another three representative to attend the Joint Conference;
- (3) Manage executive affairs of the Student Union;
- (4) Assist the work of the Council, including but not limited to financially supporting the Council in election affairs;
- (5) Draft motions for the Joint Conference;
- (6) Propose to the Members' Procedures the review of decisions made by the Joint Conference;
- (7) Assist the Council in managing and supervising Affiliated Societies;
- (8) Write the yearly plan, financial budget, yearly report and financial report for the inspection of the Council;
- (9) Propose to the Council the impeachment of Executive Committee members;
- (10) Approve and notify the Council the resignation of Executive Committee members;
- (11) Elect Ordinary Members as student representatives of Committees under the Assembly of Fellows of the College.

36. Organization and Responsibility

(1) Organization

The Executive Committee shall adopt the cabinet system, constituted of eight to fifteen members. The cabinet should established with permanent positions including: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, External Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Non-Local Affairs Secretary, the positions of other members can be determined by the cabinet.

(2) Responsibility of Permanent Positions

- (a) Responsibility of the chairperson shall be as follows:
 - (i) Lead the Executive Committee;

- (ii) Hold and take charge of meetings of the Executive Committee;
 - (iii) Write agendas for meetings of the Executive Committee;
 - (iv) Act on behalf of the Executive Committee when necessary, decisions should be verified in the next meeting to ensure validity;
 - (v) Serve concurrently as the President of Student Union, represent the Student Union in the public, act on behalf of the Joint Conference during its recess, decisions should be verified in the next Joint Conference meeting to ensure validity;
 - (vi) Notify the Joint Conference to convene meeting when important emergent matters arise.
- (b) The vice-chairperson is responsible for assisting the chairperson to fulfill his/her responsibilities and manage the internal affairs of the Student Union, and act on behalf of the chairperson at his/her absence.
 - (c) The external vice-chairperson is responsible for managing external affairs of the Student Union, and act on behalf of the chairperson and vice-chairperson at their absence.
 - (d) The secretary is responsible for taking minutes of the Executive Committee meetings.
 - (e) The treasurer is responsible for managing the financial affairs of the Executive Committee.
 - (f) The non-local affairs secretary is responsible for thoroughly expressing the opinions of non-local students, and ensuring the protection of benefits of non-local students.

37. Term of Office

The term of office shall begin on 1st March or on the date elections results is released (according to the later date), and end on the last day of February the following year.

38. Operation Procedures

(1) Yearly Plan

The Executive Committee shall formulate the yearly plan and submit to the Council for approval.

(2) Financial Budget

The Executive Committee shall formulate the financial budget and submit to the Council for approval. Only when the financial budget has been approved can the Executive Committee utilize any financial resources.

(3) Yearly Report and Financial Report

The Executive Committee must complete the yearly report and financial report for approval of the Council within fifteen days after the end of term of office.

(4) Ordinary Meeting

(a) Frequency

At least one Ordinary Meeting shall be held monthly.

(b) Notification and Time

The Chairperson shall notify all committee members, announce to all members about the details of the meeting with agenda five days before the meeting.

(c) Quorum

No less than two-thirds of all committee members.

(d) Decisions

Any motions should only be passed with the approval of no less than half of the committee members present.

(e) Adjournment of Meeting due to lack of quorum

If the number of committee members does not meet the quorum, the meeting should be re-convened within seven days. If the number of committee members still does not meet the quorum, the agenda shall be handled by the Council, relevant decisions made by the Council shall have equal binding force as those made by the Executive Committee.

39. Positions and Permanent Vacancy of Members

(1) Permanent Vacancy

(a) Should any permanent position (including the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, External Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Non-Local Affairs Secretary) is permanently vacant, one other committee member should be elected for the vacant position.

(b) Should there be permanent vacancies of other positions, causing the number of committee members to be fewer than eight, the remaining vacancies should be filled by

nomination of members by the Executive Committee, and approval by the Council.

40. Resignation and Removal from Office

(1) Resignation

The resignation of a committee member is only valid after approval of two-thirds of all committee members, approval of two-thirds of all Councilors, and announcement to all members.

(2) Removal from Office

The Executive Committee has the right to propose to the Members' Procedures through the Joint Conference to remove committee members who do not abide by the Constitution, fail to fulfill responsibilities, or acts inappropriately from office.

41. Dissolution

(1) Automatic Dissolution

Should the cabinet of the Executive Committee is fewer than eight members and unable to fill the remaining vacant positions in thirty days, it will be automatically dissolved. Re-election shall take place according to [81(3)(g)] after the dissolution.

(2) Forced Dissolution

The General Polling has the right to dissolve the Executive Committee which does not abide by the Constitution, or fails to fulfill responsibilities. Re-election shall take place according to [81(3)(g)] after the dissolution.

Article 8—Residential Students’ Association

42. Position

Residential Students’ Association is the highest self-governing student organization for residential students, and is accountable to the Members’ Procedures, Joint Conference, Council, and its members.

43. Aim

- (1) Encourage unity and democracy, seek benefits for residential students and protect rights of residential students;
- (2) Act as a platform of communication between residential students and the College, and encourage the communication of opinions.

44. Responsibility

- (1) Execute decisions made by the Constitution, Members’ Procedure, Joint Conference and Council;
- (2) Manage affairs of the Student Union concerning residential students;
- (3) Write the yearly plan, financial budget, yearly report and financial report for the inspection of the Council.

45. Memberships

(1) Ordinary Members of Residential Students’ Association

(a) Qualification

All Ordinary Members (qualified according to [7(1)], who are listed as residential students on the College Residential Students List updated on 1st February and 1st October every year, would automatically become Ordinary Members of the Residential Students’ Association.

(b) Responsibility

- (i) Abide by the Residential Students’ Association Ordinance and By-law;
- (ii) Abide by motions passed in General Meeting and Members’ Procedures of the Residential Students’ Association;
- (iii) Pay required membership fees.

(c) Rights

- (i) The right to elect and to be elected, propose amendments to the Constitution, renew discussions on decisions, right to propose, agree and veto;
- (ii) The right to attend General Meeting of the Residential Students’ Association, attend any

ordinary meetings of the Executive Committee Residential Students' Association, or any other meetings under permission of the chairperson of the meeting;

- (iii) The right to speak and vote in General Meeting of Residential Students' Association, and vote in General Polling of Residential Students' Association;
- (iv) The right to participate all activities held by the Residential Students' Association;
- (v) The right to enjoy all benefits and facilities provided by the Residential Students' Association under the rules and regulations of the Residential Students' Association.

(2) Associate Members of Residential Students' Association

(a) Qualification

All Associate Members (qualified according to [8(1)], who are listed as residential students on the College Residential Students List updated on 1st February and 1st October every year, can become Associate Members of the Residential Students' Association by application and approval of the Residential Students' Association.

(b) Responsibility

- (i) Abide by the Residential Students' Association Ordinance and By-law;
- (ii) Abide by motions passed in General Meeting and Members' Procedures of the Residential Students' Association;
- (iii) Pay required membership fees.

(c) Rights

- (i) No right to elect and to be elected, propose amendments to the Constitution, renew discussions on decisions, right to propose, agree and veto under all circumstances;
- (ii) The right to speak in General Meeting of Residential Students' Association, but no right to vote in both the General Meeting and General Polling of Residential Students' Association;

- (iii) The right to participate all activities held by the Residential Students' Association;
- (iv) The right to enjoy all benefits and facilities provided by the Residential Students' Association under the rules and regulations of the Residential Students' Association.

46. General Polling of Residential Students' Association

General Polling of Residential Students' Association is the means of execution of the highest legislative and executive authority. Motions decided in General Polling of Residential Students' Association automatically become the highest resolution and stance of the Residential Students' Association. All members and committee of Residential Students' Association must abide by it.

47. General Meeting of Residential Students' Association

General Meeting of Residential Students' Association is the means of execution of the highest executive authority second only to General Polling of Residential Students' Association. Motions decided in General Meeting of Residential Students' Association automatically become the highest resolution and stance of the Residential Students' Association. All members and organizations must abide by it.

48. Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association

(1) Position

The Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association is the daily highest executive organization of the Residential Students' Association, and accountable to the Members' Procedures, Council and all members of Residential Students' Association.

(2) Responsibility

- (a) Execute decisions made by the Members' Procedure, Joint Conference and Council;
- (b) Appoint the chairperson and another three representative to attend the Joint Conference;
- (c) Manage executive affairs of the Residential Students' Association;
- (d) Represent residential students of the College and express opinions of residential students;
- (e) Draft motions for discussion in the Members' Procedures and Joint Conference;

- (f) Propose to the Members' Procedures the review of decisions made by the Joint Conference through General Polling of Residential Students' Association;
- (g) Propose to General Polling of Residential Students' Association to remove committee members from office;
- (h) Approve and notify the Council the resignation of Executive Committee members;

(3) Resignation

The resignation of a committee member is only valid after approval of two-thirds of all committee members, approval of two-thirds of all Councilors, and announcement to all members.

(4) Dissolution

(a) Automatic Dissolution

Should the cabinet of the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association is fewer than eight members and unable to fill the remaining vacant positions in thirty days, it will be automatically dissolved. Re-election shall take place according to [82(3)(g)] after the dissolution.

(b) Forced Dissolution

The General Polling of Residential Students' Association has the right to dissolve the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association which does not abide by the Constitution, or fails to fulfill responsibilities. Re-election shall take place according to [82(3)(g)] after the dissolution.

49. Residential Students' Association Ordinance and By-law

Residential Students' Association can legislate its Ordinance and By-law, and operate according to its Ordinance and By-law. Should amendment of Residential Students' Association Ordinance are necessary, it can only be passed with approval of two-thirds of Councilors present in a Council meeting, followed by the General Polling of Residential Students' Association. Should there be any discrepancies between the Constitution and Residential Students' Association Ordinance and By-law, the Constitution shall prevail.

Article 9—Non-Residential Students’ Association

50. Position

Non-Residential Students’ Association is the highest self-governing student organization for non-residential students, and is accountable to the Members’ Procedures, Joint Conference, Council, and its members.

51. Aim

- (1) Encourage unity and democracy, seek benefits for non-residential students and protect rights of non-residential students;
- (2) Act as a platform of communication between non-residential students and the College, and encourage the communication of opinions.

52. Responsibility

- (1) Execute decisions made by the Constitution, Members’ Procedure, Joint Conference and Council;
- (2) Manage affairs of the Student Union concerning non-residential students;
- (3) Write the yearly plan, financial budget, yearly report and financial report for the inspection of the Council.

53. Memberships

(1) Ordinary Members of Non-Residential Students’ Association

(a) Qualification

All Ordinary Members (qualified according to [7(1)], who are listed as non-residential students on the College Non-Residential Students List updated on 1st February and 1st October every year, would automatically become Ordinary Members of the Non-Residential Students’ Association.

(b) Responsibility

- (i) Abide by the Non-Residential Students’ Association Ordinance and By-law;
- (ii) Abide by motions passed in General Meeting and Members’ Procedures of the Non-Residential Students’ Association;
- (iii) Pay required membership fees.

(c) Rights

- (i) The right to elect and to be elected, propose amendments to the Constitution, renew discussions on decisions, right to propose, agree and veto;

- (ii) The right to attend General Meeting of the Non-Residential Students' Association, attend any ordinary meetings of the Executive Committee Non-Residential Students' Association, or any other meetings under permission of the chairperson of the meeting;
 - (iii) The right to speak and vote in General Meeting of Non-Residential Students' Association, and vote in General Polling of Non-Residential Students' Association;
 - (iv) The right to participate all activities held by the Non-Residential Students' Association;
 - (v) The right to enjoy all benefits and facilities provided by the Non-Residential Students' Association under the rules and regulations of the Non-Residential Students' Association.
- (2) Associate Members of Non-Residential Students' Association
- (a) Qualification

All Associate Members (qualified according to [8(1)], who are listed as residential students on the College Non-Residential Students List updated on 1st February and 1st October every year, can become Associate Members of the Non-Residential Students' Association by application and approval of the Non-Residential Students' Association.
 - (b) Responsibility
 - (i) Abide by the Non-Residential Students' Association Ordinance and By-law;
 - (ii) Abide by motions passed in General Meeting and Members' Procedures of the Non-Residential Students' Association;
 - (iii) Pay required membership fees.
 - (c) Rights
 - (i) No right to elect and to be elected, propose amendments to the Constitution, renew discussions on decisions, right to propose, agree and veto under all circumstances;
 - (ii) The right to speak in General Meeting of Non-Residential Students' Association, but no right to vote

in both the General Meeting and General Polling of Non-Residential Students' Association;

- (iii) The right to participate all activities held by the Non-Residential Students' Association;
- (iv) The right to enjoy all benefits and facilities provided by the Non-Residential Students' Association under the rules and regulations of the Non-Residential Students' Association.

54. General Polling of Non-Residential Students' Association

General Polling of Non-Residential Students' Association is the means of execution of the highest legislative and executive authority. Motions decided in General Polling of Non-Residential Students' Association automatically become the highest resolution and stance of the Non-Residential Students' Association. All members and committee of Non-Residential Students' Association must abide by it.

55. General Meeting of Non-Residential Students' Association

General Meeting of Non-Residential Students' Association is the means of execution of the highest executive authority second only to General Polling of Non-Residential Students' Association. Motions decided in General Meeting of Non-Residential Students' Association automatically become the highest resolution and stance of the Non-Residential Students' Association. All members and organizations must abide by it.

56. Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association

(1) Position

The Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association is the daily highest executive organization of the Non-Residential Students' Association, and accountable to the Members' Procedures, Council and all members of Non-Residential Students' Association.

(2) Responsibility

- (a) Execute decisions made by the Members' Procedure, Joint Conference and Council;
- (b) Appoint the chairperson and another three representative to attend the Joint Conference;
- (c) Manage executive affairs of the Non-Residential Students' Association;

- (d) Represent non-residential students of the College and express opinions of non-residential students;
- (e) Draft motions for discussion in the Members' Procedures and Joint Conference;
- (f) Propose to the Members' Procedures the review of decisions made by the Joint Conference through General Polling of Non-Residential Students' Association;
- (g) Propose to General Polling of Non-Residential Students' Association to remove committee members from office;
- (h) Approve and notify the Council the resignation of Executive Committee members;

(3) Resignation

The resignation of a committee member is only valid after approval of two-thirds of all committee members, approval of two-thirds of all Councilors, and announcement to all members.

(4) Dissolution

(a) Automatic Dissolution

Should the cabinet of the Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association is fewer than eight members and unable to fill the remaining vacant positions in thirty days, it will be automatically dissolved. Re-election shall take place according to [83(3)(g)] after the dissolution.

(b) Forced Dissolution

The General Polling of Non-Residential Students' Association has the right to dissolve the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association which does not abide by the Constitution, or fails to fulfill responsibilities. Re-election shall take place according to [83(3)(g)] after the dissolution.

57. Residential Students' Association Ordinance and By-law

Non-Residential Students' Association can legislate its Ordinance and By-law, and operate according to its Ordinance and By-law. Should amendment of Non-Residential Students' Association Ordinance are necessary, it can only be passed with approval of two-thirds of Councilors present in a Council meeting, followed by the General Polling of Non-Residential Students' Association. Should there be any

discrepancies between the Constitution and Non-Residential Students' Association Ordinance and By-law, the Constitution shall prevail.

Article 10—Sub-Committees

58. Responsibility

Executive Committee, Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association, Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association can establish sub-committees according to their needs. If one association specifies the delegation of certain responsibilities to its sub-committee, then the sub-committee shall have the specific responsibilities on the relevant matter equivalent to the corresponding association it belongs to, all acts and decisions shall be considered to be made by the corresponding association. Sub-committees should submit yearly plan, financial budget, yearly report and financial report to the Council via their corresponding associations.

59. Organization

Constituted by Ordinary Members, the leader of the sub-committee must be one of the members of the corresponding association, the list of members should be submitted to the Council for approval via the corresponding association.

Article 11—Affiliated Societies

60. Position

Affiliated Societies shall be subsidiaries of the Student Union, and must abide by the decisions made by the Council.

61. Validity

Any self-governing student organizations which are established with the completion of its constitution, shall submit to the Council for inspection and approval to be registered as Affiliated Societies. The Council shall have the right to accept or reject relevant application.

62. Responsibility

- (1) Abide by the Constitution, ordinances and by-laws;
- (2) Assist the Student Union in carrying out its responsibilities;
- (3) Accept the supervision of the Council;
- (4) Submit yearly report, financial report and constitution to the Council;
- (5) Make yearly registration to the Council;
- (6) Required to make public its affairs to the Council and members;
- (7) Required to add 「香港中文大學和聲書院學生會」 before its Chinese name and “WSSU” before its English name.

63. Rights

- (1) The right of executive autonomy under the supervision of the Council;
- (2) The right of financial autonomy under the supervision of the Council;
- (3) The right to request assistance in carrying out its responsibilities.

64. Finance

The finances of Affiliated Societies shall be independent, and they shall assume the sole responsibility for its profits and losses. The financial standard of Affiliated Societies shall be in accordance with the regulations of Article 13, and under the supervision of the Council.

65. Revocation

Once approved in the ordinary meeting of the Council, the Council can revoke the qualification of any Affiliated Society.

Article 12—Punishment

66. Impeachment

- (1) Should any Councilors, members of the Executive Committee, members of the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association, members of the Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association do not abide by the Constitution, or fail to fulfill responsibilities, the Council must make an impeachment against the accused after the approval of two-thirds of all Councilors.
- (2) Should the Executive Committee, the Residential Students' Association, or the Non-Residential Students' Association does not abide by the Constitution, or fail to fulfill responsibilities, the Council must make an impeachment against the accused after the approval of two-thirds of all Councilors.

67. Removal from Office and Loss of Qualification

- (1) General Polling has the right to pass the motion of removal of Councilors or members of the Executive Committee from office.
- (2) General Polling of the Residential Students' Association has the right to pass the motion of removal of members of the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association from office.
- (3) General Polling of the Non-Residential Students' Association has the right to pass the motion of removal of members of the Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association from office
- (4) The Council has the right to pass the motion of removal of the Chairperson or Secretary General from office with approval of two-thirds of all Councils, however the decision of removal from office shall not affect the status of Councilor.
- (5) Should the Council does not abide by the Constitution, or fails to fulfill responsibilities, the General Polling can pass the motion of dissolution of the Council.
- (6) General Polling has the right to remove the Executive Committee from office.
- (7) General Polling of the Residential Students' Association has the right to remove the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association from office.

- (8) General Polling of the Non-Residential Students' Association has the right to remove the Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association from office.
- (9) Should any Councilors, members of the Executive Committee, members of the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association, members of the Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association lose their qualification for Ordinary Member due to graduation or withdrawal from the University, the qualification to hold the relevant positions is immediately forfeited. However, temporary suspension of studies does not fall under this limitation.

Article 13—Finances

68. Usage

All income, funds, and assets of the Student Union shall only be used on affairs achieving the aims of the Student Union.

69. Fiscal Year

The same as the term of office of all organizations.

70. Income

(1) Membership Fees

- (a) Every member is required to pay the annual membership fee of the Student Union.
- (b) Five percent of the total membership fee shall be appropriated for the financial reserve. Ten percent, forty percent, another fifty percent of the remaining membership fee shall be appropriated for the income of the Council, the Executive Council, the Residential Students' Association or Non-Residential Students' Association (according to the ratio of members on the College Residential and Non-Residential Students Lists on 1st March every year) respectively.
- (c) **Membership Fee Modification**
The amount of membership fee shall be suggested by the Joint Conference and approved by the Council, and announced to all members within seven days after approval. Should there be the joint signature of disapproval of no less than one-tenth of all Ordinary Members within fourteen days after the announcement, the decision must be made after gaining approval in the General Meeting
- (d) **Remaining Sum of Annual Fee**
The remaining sum of annual fee of each organization shall be appropriated for the financial reserve.

(2) Donations

Under the disclaimer of any return, the Student Union can accept and collect donations, and issue receipts to donors. The record of receipt issuance shall be well kept by the Council.

(3) Other Fees

- (a) Central Organizations can collect activity fees from their members to lighten financial burden, but related profits shall be credited into the remaining sum of annual fee.
- (b) Affiliated Societies can collect fees from their members, and apply for financial resources from other organizations (including but not limited to the College and the University).

71. Financial Budget

The Executive Committee, the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association and the Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association shall submit their yearly financial budget to the Council for inspection and approval within thirty days after the start of term of office.

Should rectification be made with the approved financial budget, the amended budget shall be submitted to the Council for inspection and approval, but the total sum in either the original or the amended budget shall not exceed the sum of annual collectable income in that fiscal year.

72. Records

The Council shall be responsible for keeping all financial reports, ledgers, donation receipt issuance record and other financial documents.

73. Prohibition of Asset Distribution

The income, funds and assets of the Student Union shall not be in any way distributed to members of staff for any purpose not related to the Student Union. All remaining income, funds, and assets must be donated to recognized local charity organizations within thirty days following the dissolution of the Student Union.

74. Indebtedness

Should the Executive Committee, Residential Students' Association or Non-Residential Students' Association be in debt, it can seek for additional funding from the Council. Should the additional funds is insufficient or the request is rejected by the Council, the organization shall seek other methods to repay the remaining debts.

75. Financial Consultant

The Student Union shall have one voluntary Financial Consultant responsible to assist the financial matters of the Student Union. The Financial Consultant shall be appointed by the Council.

Article 14—Interim Committee

76. Responsibility

- (1) The responsibility of the Interim Committee of Executive Committee is to carry out the daily administrative work of the Executive Committee when it is vacant or dissolved, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Fulfill all responsibilities listed in [35] of the Constitution;
 - (b) Maintain basic services of borrowing promotional spaces and rooms;
 - (c) Assist the Acting President of the Student Union to handle all external affairs (including but not limited to affairs related to The Senate);
 - (d) Assist in the establishment of the Organizing Committee of WSSU Orientation Camp and the Organizing Committee of WSSU College Anniversary;
 - (e) Participate in the affairs related to enrolment and admission of students.
- (2) The responsibility of the Interim Committee of Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association is to carry out the daily administrative work of the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association when it is vacant or dissolved, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Fulfill all responsibilities listed in [44] of the Constitution;
 - (b) Maintain basic services of borrowing promotional spaces and tuck shop.
- (3) The responsibility of the Interim Committee of Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association is to carry out the daily administrative work of the Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association when it is vacant or dissolved, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Fulfill all responsibilities listed in [52] of the Constitution;
 - (b) Maintain the opening of the room of Non-Residential Students' Association.

77. Organization

- (1) Organization
 - (a) Members of Interim Committee shall be nominated, approved and appointed by the Council.

- (b) Constituted of at least four Ordinary Members, including one chairperson, one vice-chairperson, one secretary and one treasurer.
- (c) Positions shall be elected among committee members, and the Council shall be notified of the results.

(2) Responsibility of Permanent Positions

- (a) The chairperson handles all administrative affairs of the committee.
- (b) The vice-chairperson assists the chairperson in fulfilling responsibilities.
- (c) The secretary handles all clerical affairs of the committee.
- (d) The treasurer handles all financial affairs of the committee.

78. Term of Office

Starts from the appointment , and ends at the start of term of office of the succession of corresponding Executive Committee.

Article 15—Election

79. Organizing Unit

The Election Committee is responsible for handling all affairs related to the election of Central Organizations, including but not limited to setting up voting regulation and announcing the details of the vote.

80. Election of Council

(1) Participation

- (a) A joint nomination of no less than two percent of all members is required for participation in the election.
- (b) Candidates of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association and the Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association are prohibited from participation.

(2) Nomination

- (a) The nomination period shall be decided by the Election Committee, and shall last for seven to fourteen days.
- (b) Only one candidate shall be nominated by an Ordinary Member. No self-nomination is allowed.

(3) Vote

(a) Organizing Unit

The Election Committee shall handle all affairs related to Elected Councilors according to the Constitution.

(b) Means of Vote

Eligible voters shall arrive at the voting venue in person and vote anonymously. The ballot shall be put in a sealed ballot box.

(c) Voting Period

The voting period shall be decided by the Election Committee, and shall not be less than twenty hours.

(d) Valid Number of Votes

There shall be no less than the votes of one-fourth of all Ordinary Members to make the election valid.

(e) Elected Candidate

The nine candidates with the most votes shall be considered elected. Should there be more than one candidate who have ninth most votes, the ninth Elected Councilor shall be determined by drawing lots.

(f) Release of Results

Ballot counting shall take place within twenty-four hours after the voting period ends. Election Committee shall announce the results immediately after the ballot counting.

(g) Vacancy

For any reason (including but not limited to insufficient votes) the number of Elected and Ex-officio Councilors of the succeeding Council is less than eight, the remaining vacant positions shall be filled up by election of representatives from the preceding Executive Committee, Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association, and Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association.

81. Election of Executive Committee

(1) Participation

- (a) The election of Executive Committee shall adopt the cabinet system, constituted of eight to fifteen members. The positions of all cabinet members shall be designated according to [36].
- (b) Every Ordinary Member shall only join one cabinet participating in the election.
- (c) Candidates of Councilors, current members of Election Committee, candidates of Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association and candidates of Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association are prohibited from participation.

(2) Nomination

- (a) The nomination period shall be decided by the Election Committee, and shall last for seven to fourteen days.
- (b) A joint nomination of no less than five percent of all Ordinary Members is required for participation in the election .
- (c) Only one cabinet shall be nominated by an Ordinary Member. No self-nomination is allowed.

(3) Vote

(a) Organizing Unit

The Election Committee shall handle all affairs related to the election of the Executive according to the Constitution.

- (b) Means of Vote
Eligible voters shall arrive at the voting venue in person and vote anonymously. The ballot shall be put in a sealed ballot box.
- (c) Voting Period
The voting period shall be decided by the Election Committee, and shall not be less than twenty hours.
- (d) Valid Number of Votes
There shall be no less than the votes of one-fourth of all Ordinary Members to make the election valid.
- (e) Elected Cabinet
 - (i) Should there be only one proposed cabinet, it only becomes elected when the Vote of confidence for the cabinet is more than half of the total valid votes.
 - (ii) Should there be two or more proposed cabinets, the cabinet with the highest votes shall be elected.
- (f) Release of Results
Ballot counting shall take place within twenty-four hours after the voting period ends. Election Committee shall announce the results immediately after the ballot counting.
- (g) Vacancy
For any reason (including but not limited to insufficient votes) the cabinet for the Executive Committee cannot be elected, the Council shall act on behalf of the Executive Committee and re-election shall be held within one month according to [81].

Should the re-election fails to elect a cabinet for the Executive Committee, the Council shall appoint Ordinary Members to constitute an Interim Committee to act on behalf of the Executive Committee until the end of term of office, and the Council Chairperson shall take up the post of Acting President of the Student Union.

82. Election of Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association

(1) Participation

- (a) The election of Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association shall adopt the cabinet system, constituted of eight to fifteen members. The positions of all

cabinet members shall be designated according to Residential Students' Association Ordinance.

- (b) Every Ordinary Member shall only join one cabinet participating in the election.
- (c) Candidates of Councilors, current members of Election Committee, candidates of Executive Committee and candidates of Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association are prohibited from participation.
- (d) The proposed chairperson of the cabinet for the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association must be an Ordinary Member of the Residential Students' Association, and at least half of the candidates are Ordinary Members of the Residential Students' Association.

(2) Nomination

- (a) The nomination period shall be decided by the Election Committee, and shall last for seven to fourteen days.
- (b) A joint nomination of no less than five percent of all Ordinary Members of the Residential Students' Association is required for participation in the election.
- (c) Only one cabinet shall be nominated by an Ordinary Member of the Residential Students' Association. No self-nomination is allowed.

(3) Vote

- (a) Organizing Unit
The Election Committee shall handle all affairs related to election of the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association according to the Constitution.
- (b) Means of Vote
Eligible voters shall arrive at the voting venue in person and vote anonymously. The ballot shall be put in a sealed ballot box.
- (c) Voting Period
The voting period shall be decided by the Election Committee, and shall not be less than twenty hours.
- (d) Valid Number of Votes
There shall be no less than the votes of one-fourth of all Ordinary Members of the Residential Students' Association to make the election valid.

- (e) Elected Cabinet
 - (i) Should there be only one proposed cabinet, it only becomes elected when the Vote of confidence for the cabinet is more than half of the total valid votes.
 - (ii) Should there be two or more proposed cabinets, the cabinet with the highest votes shall be elected.
- (f) Release of Results

Ballot counting shall take place within twenty-four hours after the voting period ends. Election Committee shall announce the results immediately after the ballot counting.
- (g) Vacancy

For any reason (including but not limited to insufficient votes) the cabinet for the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association cannot be elected, the Council shall act on behalf of the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association and re-election shall be held within one month according to [82].

Should the re-election fails to elect a cabinet for the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association, the Council shall appoint Ordinary Members to constitute an Interim Committee to act on behalf of the Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association until the end of term of office.

83. Election of Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association

(1) Participation

- (a) The election of Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association shall adopt the cabinet system, constituted of eight to fifteen members. The positions of all cabinet members shall be designated according to Residential Students' Association Ordinance.
- (b) Every Ordinary Member shall only join one cabinet participating in the election.
- (c) Candidates of Councilors, current members of Election Committee, candidates of Executive Committee and candidates of Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association are prohibited from participation.

- (d) The proposed chairperson of the cabinet for the Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association must be an Ordinary Member of the Non-Residential Students' Association, and at least half of the candidates are Ordinary Members of the Non-Residential Students' Association.

(2) Nomination

- (a) The nomination period shall be decided by the Election Committee, and shall last for seven to fourteen days.
- (b) A joint nomination of no less than five percent of all Ordinary Members of the Non-Residential Students' Association is required for participation in the election.
- (c) Only one cabinet shall be nominated by an Ordinary Member of the Non-Residential Students' Association. No self-nomination is allowed.

(3) Vote

(a) Organizing Unit

The Election Committee shall handle all affairs related to the election of the Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association according to the Constitution.

(b) Means of Vote

Eligible voters shall arrive at the voting venue in person and vote anonymously. The ballot shall be put in a sealed ballot box.

(c) Voting Period

The voting period shall be decided by the Election Committee, and shall not be less than twenty hours.

(d) Valid Number of Votes

There shall be no less than the votes of one-fourth of all Ordinary Members of the Non-Residential Students' Association to make the election valid.

(e) Elected Cabinet

- (i) Should there be only one proposed cabinet, it only becomes elected when the Vote of confidence for the cabinet is more than half of the total valid votes.

- (ii) Should there be two or more proposed cabinets, the cabinet with the highest votes shall be elected.

(f) Release of Results

Ballot counting shall take place within twenty-four hours after the voting period ends. Election Committee shall announce the results immediately after the ballot counting.

(g) Vacancy

For any reason (including but not limited to insufficient votes) the cabinet for the Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association cannot be elected, the Council shall act on behalf of the Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association and re-election shall be held within one month according to [83].

Should the re-election fails to elect a cabinet for the Non-Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association, the Council shall appoint Ordinary Members to constitute an Interim Committee to act on behalf of the Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association until the end of term of office.

84. Election of College Student Union Representatives of the Representative Council of CUSU

(1) Participation

A joint nomination of no less than two percent of all members is required for participation in the election.

(2) Nomination

- (a) The nomination period shall be decided by the Election Committee, and shall last for seven to fourteen days.
- (b) Only one candidate shall be nominated by an Ordinary Member. No self-nomination is allowed

(3) Vote

(a) Organizing Unit

The Election Committee shall handle all affairs related to the election of College Student Union Representatives of the Representative Council of CUSU according to the Constitution.

(b) Means of Vote

Eligible voters shall arrive at the voting venue in person and vote anonymously. The ballot shall be put in a sealed ballot box.

(c) Voting Period

The voting period shall be decided by the Election Committee, and shall not be less than twenty hours.

(d) Valid Number of Votes

There shall be no less than the votes of one-fourth of all Ordinary Members to make the election valid.

(e) Elected Candidate

The three candidates with the most votes shall be considered elected. Should there be more than one candidate who have third most votes, the third Elected College Student Union Representatives of the Representative Council of CUSU shall be determined by drawing lots.

(f) Release of Results

Ballot counting shall take place within twenty-four hours after the voting period ends. Election Committee shall announce the results immediately after the ballot counting.

(g) Vacancy

For any reason (including but not limited to insufficient votes) the number of Elected College Student Union Representatives of the Representative Council of CUSU is less than three, re-election shall be held within one month according to [84].

Should the re-election fails to elect three College Student Union Representatives of the Representative Council of CUSU, the Council shall appoint one Ordinary Member as the Appointed Representative until the end of term of office.

Article 16—Others

85. Concurrent Posts

Members of the Student Union shall only take up positions in one of the following organizations at a time:

- (1) Council
- (2) Executive Committee
- (3) Executive Committee of Residential Students' Association
- (4) Executive Committee of Non-Residential Students' Association
- (5) Executive Committee of CUSU
- (6) Student Press of CUSU
- (7) Campus Radio of CUSU

86. Responsibility of College Student Union Representatives of the Representative Council of CUSU

College Student Union Representatives of the Representative Council of CUSU shall submit reports to the Council regularly. The General Polling has the right to deprive the qualification of College Student Union Representatives of the Representative Council of CUSU.

87. Ordinances and By-laws

All ordinances and by-laws not in conflict with the Constitution shall be established and announced by the Council.

88. Interpretation of Constitution

The Council shall be the highest organization to interpret the Constitution.

89. Amendment of Constitution

The revised draft of the Constitution shall only be passed after the approval of two-thirds of Councilors or above and the General Polling.

90. Validity of Constitution

The Constitution shall only be effective after being passed in the General Polling and endorsed by the Council of the University.

91. Binding Power of Documents

- (1) The binding power of different documents follows the arrangement from high to low:
 - (a) Constitution;
 - (b) Ordinances;
 - (c) By-laws;
 - (d) Decisions made by the Members' Procedures

- (e) Decisions made by the Joint Conference;
- (2) Unless otherwise specified, all documents and decisions made by each level of organizations shall be permanently valid and effective from the day of announcement.

92. Dissolution of the Student Union

General Polling has the authority to dissolve the Student Union, the motion of dissolution shall only be passes with nine-tenth of valid votes. The remaining assets shall be handled according to [73].

93. Transferal of Power

- (1) The Directive Council of the Student Union shall be automatically dissolved;
- (2) Ex-officio members of the former Directive Council shall be automatically become Ex-Officio Councilors of the Council;
- (3) Elected members of the former Directive Council shall be automatically become Elected Councilors of the Council;
- (4) Chairperson of the former Directive Council shall be automatically become Council Chairperson;
- (5) Secretary of the former Directive Council shall be automatically become Secretary General of the Council;
- (6) Members of the Election Committee of the former Directive Council shall be automatically become members of the Election Committee of the Council;
- (7) This section shall automatically cease to be effective after the transition from the original organizations to newly established organizations.