# Bridge Club, Hong Kong University Students' Union Constitution

## **Section 1: General**

#### **Article 1: Name**

The name of the Club shall be "Bridge Club, Hong Kong University Students' Union", hereafter referred to as "the Club".

#### **Article 2: Affiliation**

The Club shall be affiliated to the Hong Kong University Students' Union.

#### **Article 3: Aims**

The aims of the Club shall be:

- a) To promote interest and skill in the playing bridge amongst its members;
- b) To foster a state of comradeship amongst its members.

#### **Article 4: Session**

The Session of the Club shall commence with the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting and shall terminate with the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

#### **Section 2: Membership**

#### **Article 1: Full Membership**

All full members of the Hong Kong University Students' Union are eligible for full member of the Club.

#### **Article 2: Privileges**

All members of the Club shall enjoy the following privileges:

- a) To attend functions and activities arranged by the Club;
- b) To attend General Meetings of the Club with full speaking right;
- c) To propose and second motions and vote at General Meetings of the Club;
- d) To vote, nominate and be nominated for elections of the Club.

## **Section 3: General Meetings**

#### **Article 1: Authority**

The vote at a General Meeting of the Club shall possess the highest authority in the Club in any matter affecting its members as a whole.

### **Article 2: Annual General Meeting**

a) The Annual General Meeting shall be convened by the Chairman of the Club and

held within the period starting from the first day of January to the last day of March.

- b) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall include the following
  - (i) To receive and adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and minutes of all subsequent Extraordinary General Meetings;
  - (ii) To receive and adopt the annual report of the Club;
  - (iii) To receive and adopt the annual financial report of the Club;
  - (iv) To receive and adopt the year plan and financial budget of next Session;
  - (v) To elect the members of the Executive Committee of next Session;
  - (vi) A.O.B.

### **Article 3: Extraordinary General Meeting**

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened by the Chairman of the Club with the approval, or at the request, of the Executive Committee of the Club, or in accordance with a written requisition signed by not less than 5% of the full members of the Club, or fifteen full members of the Club, whichever the more. Any such requisition shall specify the objects of the proposed meeting and no other business shall be discussed thereat.

### **Article 4: Notice**

- a) A notice of Annual General Meetings of the Club and the agenda thereof shall be posted at least seven clear days before the meeting.
- b) A notice of Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club and the agenda thereof shall be posted at least three clear days before the meeting.

### **Article 5: Quorum**

At all General Meetings, 7% of the full members of the Club, or twenty full members of the Club, whichever the more shall form a quorum.

## **Article 6: Standing Orders**

The Standing Orders of all General Meetings of the Club, unless otherwise stated in this Constitution, shall be in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Hong Kong University Students' Union Council Meetings.

### **Section 4: Executive Committee**

# **Article 1: Composition**

The Executive Committee of the Club shall be composed of the following executives of the Club:

- a) The Chairman;
- b) The Internal Vice-Chairman;
- c) The External Vice-Chairman;
- d) The General Secretary;
- e) The Financial Secretary.

#### **Article 2: Duties of Individual Committee Members**

- a) The Chairman shall be the chief executive of the Club, and shall be the ex-officio chairperson of the Executive Committee Meetings and of the General Meetings of the Club.
- b) The Internal Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in conducting the internal affairs of the Club, and shall, in the absence of the Chairman, carry out the duties of the Chairman.
- c) The External Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in conducting the external affairs of the Club.
- d) The General Secretary shall be responsible for the general correspondence and actions of the Club, shall take the minutes of all Executive Committee Meetings and of all General Meetings, and shall keep the membership roll of the Club.
- e) The Financial Secretary shall be responsible for all financial transactions of the Club, shall draft the Annual Budget and prepare the Annual Financial Report.

#### **Article 3: Nominations and Election**

Nominations for the members of the Executive Committee of the Club as stated in Article 1 shall be accepted up till 72 hours before the Annual General Meeting. An election of the members of the Executive Committee of the Club shall be held in the Annual General Meeting. Vacancies in the Executive Committee of the Club shall be filled at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

#### **Article 4: Executive Committee Meeting**

- a) The Executive Committee Meeting shall be convened by the Chairman of the Club.
- b) A notice of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Club and the agenda thereof shall be given to all members of the Executive Committee at least 12 hours before the meeting.
- c) A simple majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum at all Executive Committee Meeting of the Club.

#### **Section 5: Finance**

#### **Article 1: Annual Subscription**

Full members of the Club shall pay an Annual Subscription of which follows that specified by the Cultural Association Council, HKUSU.

## **Section 6: Constitution**

### **Article 1: Amendment**

The Constitution shall not be amended except by a motion carried with two-third majority at a General Meeting.

# **Article 2: Interpretation**

The interpretation for this constitution shall rest with the Executive Committee of the Club unless revoked by a motion carried in a General Meeting.

(Amended in JAN 2011)