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Motion 1

Accept the meeting minutes of the previous AGM that took place on 26th September 2024 as an accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion 2

Amend the constitution to create a DEFINITIONS section above section (1) NAME with the definition “‘UCSA’ means the University of Canterbury Students’ Association.” and replace all usages of “University of Canterbury Students’ Association”, “University of Canterbury Students’ Association Inc.” and other variants with “UCSA”.

Motion 3

Amend the constitution to create a DEFINITIONS section above section (1) NAME with the definition “‘Charities Act’ means The Charities Act 2005 or any Act which replaces it.”

Motion 4

Motion intent: Repeal and replace our previous objections to bring modernise them, bring them into line with our current mission, and make them clearer for the purpose of becoming a charity.

Amend the constitution to replace the section (2) OBJECTIVES with the following, and also renumber the sections following section (2) OBJECTIVES to start their number at the number three (3):

2. OBJECTIVES

1. The objectives of the Club shall derive, and not be at conflict with, the aims, objectives and policies of the UCSA or the Charities Act or any regulations made under the Charities Act
2. The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a. To advance the education of students attending the University of Canterbury studying technology and technology-related degrees and papers.
 - b. To remove barriers from education in Computer Science and Software Engineering and make it more accessible for people of diverse backgrounds.
3. The Club shall not be operating for the profit or gain of its individual members, whether these gains would have been direct or indirect. This applies both while the Club is operating and upon dissolution.

3. POWERS

1. The objectives of the Club shall be realised by activities including, but not limited to
 - a. Creating a network of students studying technology and technology related degrees and papers.
 - b. Providing knowledge and resources to members to assist in both their studies and entering industry.
 - c. Running seminars, panels, workshops, and events to educate students in technology, technology-related, and soft skills areas.
 - d. Enriching university life for members through social events
 - e. Connecting members to companies working in technology and technology-related industries.

Motion 5

Motion intent: Add clauses to make it clear who is eligible for the roles on the committee.

Amend the constitution to add the following two clauses to the end of section (5) COMMITTEE:
To be eligible, Officers must not be disqualified under section 36B of the Charities Act from being appointed or holding office as an Officer of the Society. For example, individuals who are under 16 years of age are not eligible.

To be eligible for the role of Treasurer, candidates must also be 18 years of age or older by the time of handover.

Motion 6

Motion intent: Add a clause to make sure the committee cannot make actions that contravene the constitution or the Charities Act.

Amend the constitution to add the following clause to the end of section (6) MANAGEMENT:
The Committee does not have the power to do anything that contravenes anything contained in the Charities Act or this Constitution

Motion 7:

Motion intent: Make sure that the application of funds can only be towards charitable purposes.

Amend the constitution to make clause one (1) of section (7) FUNDS read:

The funds of the Club, from whatever source derived, shall be applied only towards the promotion of the aims, objectives, and charitable purposes of the club and no portion of any funds shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus, salary, or otherwise to any member of the Club, with the exception of reimbursement to members of legitimate and actual expenditure on behalf of the Club which the Committee authorises.

Motion 8:

Motion intent: Amend this clause to make sure Charities Services is notified of any alterations to the constitution.

Amend the constitution to make clause four (4) of section (10) CONSTITUTION read:

The UCSA Clubs Officer, the UCSA, and Charities Services (if the Club is a registered charity) must be notified in writing of any alterations made.

Motion 9:

Motion intent: Add an entrenched clause to make sure no personal profit is gained from the club.

Amend the constitution to add the following clause to the end of section (10) CONSTITUTION:

No addition to, deletion from or alteration of the Constitution shall be made which would allow personal pecuniary benefit or profit to any individuals. The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.

Motion 10:

Motion intent: Make sure the proceeds in the event of the club winding up only go towards charitable purposes. Also make replace "UCSA club" with "UCSA-affiliated club" in some places.

Amend the constitution to make clause two (2) of section (14) WINDING UP read:

In the event of the Club winding up, all property and assets (including any monies held in the Club bank account), shall be held in trust by the UCSA for not less than four years, and shall be given to a UCSA-affiliated Club with the same objectives and similar charitable purpose or purposes when such a Club is formed. If, after four years, no similar UCSA-affiliated Club is formed, the UCSA shall have the power to dispose of assets and properties as it sees fit. All profits from such disposal shall go towards the UCSA Club Funds and only be used for charitable purposes.

Motion 11:

Motion intent: Add filing annual return to the Treasurer's role description.

Amend the constitution to make SCHEDULE 2 part (2) point (d) read:

The Treasurer shall collect and account for all subscriptions, and shall dispose of them as directed by the Committee, and keep proper books, The Treasurer shall also, prepare a Financial Report on Income and Expenditure for the financial year to the Annual General Meeting, and prepare the Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the financial year for the Annual General Meeting and file annual return with Charities Services (if the Club is a registered charity).

Motion 12:

The club shall seek to become a registered charity.