

S19-1: Motion to update the University of St Andrews Students' Association Constitution

Owner: Nick Farrer

In effect from: 16th April 2019

Review: 16th April 2019

This SSC Notes:

1. That the Constitution of the Students' Association does not reflect current practice in several areas, to be detailed below.
2. That changes to the Constitution must be approved by Councils and the Association Board, approved by the University Court, and notified to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

This SSC Believes:

1. That the Constitution is an important document and must be kept up to date.
2. That the changes noted below allow the good functioning of the Association.

This SSC Resolves:

1. To approve the changes below and keep the Constitution under review and up to date in future.

Proposed: Nick Farrer, Director of Wellbeing

Seconded: Paloma Paige, Association President

Alice Foulis, Director of Education

Parker Hansen, Association LGBT+ Officer

Appendix 1: Changes and rationale

1. On page 5, point 1, there is a reference to 'three elected non-sabbatical Officers of the Association including the Association Chair' as being members of the Students' Association Board. The Chair is no longer a member of the Board. As such, the text should be amended to read 'two elected non-sabbatical Officers of the Association', and the words 'including the Association Chair' should be deleted.
2. On page 5, point 5, it is explained that the Chairperson of the SAB 'shall be elected annually [...] from among the non-student members'. It has been custom and practice for many years to restrict this so that the appointees of the University Court are not eligible for this position. The text 'excluding the appointees of the University Court' should therefore be added.
3. On page 5, point 8, there is a sentence reading 'he/she will recuse himself/herself'. This text should be amended to read 'that person will recuse themselves'.
4. On page 6, point 9, the text 'or if unable to do so should recuse themselves' should be added after 'act as Trustees of the Association'.
5. On page 8, point 5, part ii, there is a reference to 'the Union Council'. This text should be amended to become plural and a reference to the Executive committee added ('the Union Councils or Executive committee').