

## HONG KONG STUDENTS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

### [ ARTICLE I: NAME ]

The name of this student organization is the Hong Kong Student Association, hereinafter abbreviated as the HKSA.

### [ ARTICLE II: ADDRESS ]

The address of the HKSA is Suite 4, EMU, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403.

### [ ARTICLE III: DEFINITIONS ]

When capitalized herein:

The term University shall mean The University of Oregon.

The term Association shall mean the Hong Kong Student Association.

The term Constitution shall mean the Constitutions of the Association.

The term Member shall mean a member of the Association.

The term Membership shall mean membership of the Association; and

The term Hong Kong Students shall be defined in Article V, Section 1.

### [ ARTICLE IV: OBJECTIVES ]

The Association is a non-profit organization. The objectives of the Association shall be:

To improve general welfare of Hong Kong students who are attending the University.

To help Members adjust themselves in American culture, lifestyle, and the University school life through services in social welfare and other activities.

To provide favorable after-class activities for Members to enrich their college experiences.

To promote the understanding of Hong Kong by the University community; and

To promote communication and understanding between Members and the University community.

### [ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP]

#### SECTION 1. Membership Eligibility:

All currently enrolled Hong Kong students, who are citizens of Hong Kong -- either by birth or lived in Hong Kong for more than 7 years, are Members.

Non-Hong Kong students are also eligible for the Membership when:

A students participated in at least half of all the Association's activities during the academic year; and

Who is interested in the Hong Kong Culture, regardless of his/her race, sex, age, national origin and religious background can apply for Membership.

## SECTION 2. Membership Rights:

Members shall be entitled to the following rights:

To be informed and invited to activities organized by the Association.

To participate in activities organized by the Association, upon the conditions set forth by the Executive Committee.

To stand for elections and to nominate any Members for posts. They have the rights to speak at general meetings.

## SECTION 3. Termination of Membership:

Causes of Termination: Membership shall be terminated upon the occurrence of any of the following:

The voluntary withdrawal of the Member.

The failure of the Member to satisfy membership eligibility set forth under ARTICLE V SECTION 1 herein.

The Member has intentionally provided false or misleading information during membership application.

The Member has engaged in a detrimental misconduct in the name of the Association or opposing Association's objectives.

Procedures of Termination:

The Executive Committee may revoke the membership of a Member upon an unanimous vote of all members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall send a written notice to the Member, setting forth the proposed termination and the reasons.

The written notice shall be received by the Member no less than two weeks prior to the date of the termination.

The Executive Committee shall announce the termination to all Members within three days after the date of the termination.

The Member shall be entitled to file an appeal within two weeks after the date of the termination.

## SECTION 4. Ineligible Individuals:

Individuals otherwise ineligible for Membership may participate in the Association. However, they have no rights to vote, to be elected, or to call a General Meeting.

## **[ARTICLE VI: Executive Committee:]**

### SECTION 1. Composition:

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following posts: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and additional committee members if necessary.

### SECTION 2. Duties:

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be:

To achieve the objectives of the Association set forth under ARTICLE IV herein.

To handle the daily administrative and operational activities of the Association.

If the President is absent from his post temporarily, the Vice-President shall take the responsibilities as the acting President:

The Executive Committee will consider resignation of any appointed position holder if given sufficient explanations, and will approve resignation by majority vote of over 50%.

If the position of the President is vacated, the Vice-President is responsible for the duties as the acting President until the next meeting is convened to elect a new President within four weeks of vacation.

The Executive Committee can appoint any member to fill vacated position in projects on temporary or permanent bases other than the positions of the President and the Vice-President.

The Executive Committee will be responsible for most of the correspondences, executive functions, financial situation, and other matters of the HKSA.

Members of proposals may be recalled from appointments. Proposals must be endorsed by at least 25% of members. The endorsement must be submitted to the Executive

Committee upon general meetings. The meeting organized for proposals must take place within four weeks of submission.

The term of office of the Executive Committee will begin immediately after an election.

#### **[ARTICLE VII: FINANCES:]**

No membership fee is required.

Contributions, collections, and fund raising may be suggested as long as the nature of activities is necessary.

Annual funding may be obtained from the Senate.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: GENERAL MEETINGS:**

##### **SECTION 1: Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held every academic year, no earlier than the start of an academic year, no later than one month after the first day of Fall term. General Meetings shall also be called when needed.

The Annual Report from the Secretary and the Financial Report from Treasurer shall be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

##### **SECTION 2: Annual Election**

An Annual Election shall be held no later than the end of Spring term unless no one participate in the election, then the election will be delayed until the up coming Fall Term.

Newly elected executives shall be trained by existing executives after elections, and before new academic years emerge.

Voting rights: Any person who satisfy at least one of the following criteria have the privilege to vote:

A HKSA member of the University community.

Current committee have the right to verify the authentic citizenship of members and have the rights to refuse anyone from voting who cannot proof of meeting the criteria set forth in Article V Section i) and ii) herein.

Present committee can not vote in the election as well as neither parties running for the election.

##### **SECTION 3: Other General Meetings**

These meetings other than the Annual General Meeting, or the Annual Election. They can be called up by the Executive Committee or by the request of over 20% of members.

A formal written request with stated purposes signed by members to the Secretary is necessary in order to call for a meeting.

All members shall be notified for general meetings.

The President must chair the Annual General Meeting, but other general meetings may be chaired by appointee.

Any decision shall be made by a simple majority vote during the meetings.

**[ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS:]**

Any amendment to the HKSA Constitution can be made ONLY by a vote of at least 50% of members who are present at the general meeting summoned for this particular purpose.

Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Secretary in writing not less than two weeks before the meeting.

Member-approved amendments shall be submitted to ASUO office before taking any effect.

**[ARTICLE X: TERMINATION:]**

The HKSA shall be dissolved ONLY by the process in Article VII, Section 2b. A 75% vote is necessary to effect termination.

In the event of termination, all debts and liabilities that legally incurred by or on behalf of the HKSA shall be entirely discharged. And remaining funds will be given to charity groups decided by a simple majority of the members present.

Notice of dissolution shall be given within a month to the Office of International Services and the Incidental Fee Committee.