

Constitution for the Philosophy Departmental Society

1. Name

- a. The formal name of this Departmental Society shall be 'Philosophy Society'
- b. The Society shall be affiliated to Students' Union UCL.

2. Statement of Intent

a. The constitution, regulations, management, and conduct of the Society shall abide by all Students' Union UCL Policies, and shall be bound by Students' Union UCL Memorandum and Articles of Association and By-laws, the Club and Society Regulations and the Club and Society Procedures and Guidance (refer to "How To Guides" on the Union [website](#)).

b. The Society stresses that it abides by the Union's Equal Opportunities Policies, and that Society regulations pertaining to membership, election, or management of this Society shall not contravene these policies.

c. The Club and Society Regulations can be found at:
<https://studentsunionucl.org/content/president-and-treasurer-hub/rules-and-regulations>

d. The Society recognizes that it also reflects the UCL Department that with which it is associated, and so it will strive to work collaboratively with Departmental Staff in a professional manner. The Society will also ensure it is clear that it declares itself as the Departmental *Society*, and not the Department itself, to avoid any confusion or misrepresentation.

3. The Committee of the Philosophy Society

a. The President

- i. There shall be exactly one president
- ii. The President's primary role is laid out in section 5.7 of the Club and Society Regulations.
- iii. The President may also serve as an Activities Zone member.
- iv. The President is also a member of the Board of Directors of POLIS (Philosophers of London in Solidarity).

v. The President is eligible to apply for the Departmental Society Grant.

vi. The President's role is to provide the key directives of the society, to delegate the core tasks involved in managing the society, as well as to ensuring adequate communication between committee members.

vii. The President shall take responsibility for establishing and maintaining professional relationships with external stakeholders, liaising with the Union on Society matters, and liaising with the Philosophy Department.

viii. However, the President may delegate the roles given in (v) to committee members, when necessary, as long as those tasks are designated to committee members in accordance with their defined responsibilities as outlined in this document.

b. The Treasurer

i. The Treasurer's primary role is laid out in section 5.8 of the Club and Society Regulations.

ii. The Treasurer may also serve as a Council member.

iii. The Treasurer is eligible to apply for the Departmental Society Grant

iv. The Treasurer will be responsible for applying for necessary grants and sponsorships, the financial budget of the Society, achieving financial aims, ensuring financial accessibility to events, and organizing Society payments.

v. There shall be only one Treasurer.

d. Vice Presidents

i. There shall be no more than two vice presidents.

ii. The Vice Presidents are advisers to the President and are to be called upon first by the President for council when decisions are to be made.

iii. They may also be asked to run various events, give directives to other committee members, and otherwise reduce the stress on the office of President.

iv. Vice Presidents also serve as a contact for General Committee Members who are in need of instructions on how to proceed on a project. However, they cannot give directions which explicitly undermine or contradict directives given by the President.

v. One or both of the Vice Presidents can be called upon to help the President in overseeing the work and publication of the society's magazine 'The Bentham Digest'.

a. The Welfare Officer

- i. There shall be exactly one Welfare officer
- ii. The Welfare Officer's primary role is laid out in section 5.9 of the Club and Society Regulations.
- iii. The Welfare Officer will be responsible for completing the Welfare Officer Program and for providing wellbeing events for members when necessary. They are also a first point of contact if personal issues (i.e. not about society policy) arise between some members of the committee and some members of the general membership.
- iv. The Welfare officer shall also produce a risk assessment for each event hosted by the society in accordance with the Student Union guidelines.

b. The Publicity Officer

- i. There shall be up to two publicity officers
- ii. The Publicity Officer is responsible for maintaining the online presence of the society. This includes updating social media pages, building websites, and graphic design for posts.
- iii. The Publicity Officer can also be called upon to aid in the development of the online presence of the Bentham Digest as well as the graphics for the magazine.
- iv. In the event more skills are needed to achieve the desired results in producing designs and graphics etc. for the society than the Publicity Officer is tasked with finding an individual able to create the kind of artwork desired.

e. Event's Coordinator

- i. There shall be no more than one Events Coordinator
- ii. The Event Coordinator is primarily responsible for the practical design of events.
- iii. They shall create a term-cards for the society, and generally plan the society's calendar. Furthermore, they are tasked with finding and coordinating with venues to host socials. They shall also make sure that accommodations are made of guest speakers when necessary.
- iv. The Events Coordinator shall also aid in the design of both academic and social events. They will work closely with the Vice Presidents and the President in coming up with meaningful event ideas.

f. POLIS Representative

- i. There shall be up to one POLIS Representative
 - ii. The POLIS Representative is responsible for liaising with the Philosophers of London in Solidarity (POLIS).
 - iii. POLIS will consider the Philosophy Society's POLIS Representative as the President's Secretary (per POLIS regulations).
 - iv. The POLIS Representative will be responsible for aiding in the organization of the annual philosophy conference hosted by POLIS.
 - v. The POLIS Representative can be a first point of contact for POLIS in interacting with the Philosophy Society.
 - vi. The POLIS Representative can be called upon to attend to any of the Philosophy Society's duties in relation to POLIS
- g. Bentham Digest Editor
- i. There shall be at most three Bentham Digest Editors.
 - ii. The Bentham Digest Editors are responsible for all operations involving the Bentham Digest, which is the Philosophy Society's magazine.
 - iii. The Bentham Digest Editors will be responsible for acquiring and editing all Bentham Digest articles.
 - iv. Bentham Digest Editors can also be called upon to produce other publications for the society including and not limited to newsletters, pamphlets, etc.
 - v. The Bentham Digest Editors will also be responsible for producing the society's weekly newsletter: Sapre Aude. This newsletter will inform the members as well as philosophy students in general about the society's upcoming events and developments.

4. Terms, Aims, and Objectives

- a. The Society shall hold the following as its aims and core objectives.
- b. The Society shall strive to fulfil these aims and objectives in the course of the academic year as its commitment to its membership.
- c. The core activities of the Society shall be:
 - i. Creating events such as 'socials', 'quiz nights', and 'movie nights' et al. for members in order to foster bonding, especially between students within the philosophy department.

ii. Extra help for Logic 1 and Logic 2 students such as going over homework problems etc. The society will also provide essay writing tips and proofreading when appropriate.

iii. Gatherings that focus on promoting positive mental health and sense of belonging amongst students in and across Departments.

iv. Talks with guest speakers, dissertation presentations, and academic debates that enhance the student experience and go beyond the UCL degree. The society can also run courses with the aim of supplementing or expanding the possibilities of philosophical study within UCL.

v. Publishing, Printing, and Distributing its Magazine 'Bentham Digest'

e. This constitution shall be binding on the Club/Society Officers and shall only be altered by consent of two-thirds majority of the full members present at a society general meeting. Activities Network Executive shall approve any such alterations.

f. This constitution has been approved and accepted as the Constitution for the Students' Union UCL Philosophy Society. By signing this document, the President and Treasurer have declared that they have read and abide by the Students' Union UCL Clubs and Societies Regulations.

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Date:

November 1, 2021

Treasurer name:

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Date:

November 1, 2021