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# The Constitution of the Students’ Union UCL Musical Theatre Society

### Name

#### The name of the Society shall be the Students’ Union UCL Musical Theatre Society.

#### The Society shall be affiliated to Students’ Union UCL.

### Statement of Intent

#### The constitution, regulations, management and conduct of the Society shall abide by all Students’ Union UCL Policy, and shall be bound by the Students’ Union UCL Memorandum and Articles of Association and Byelaws, the Club and Society Regulations and the Club and Society Procedures and Guidance, laid out in “How to Guides”.

#### The Society stresses that it abides by Students’ Union UCL Equal Opportunities Policies, and that Society regulations pertaining to membership of the Society or election to management of the Society shall not contravene this policy.

#### The Club and Society Regulations can be found at the following website: <http://www.studentsunionucl.org>

### The Society Committee

#### **President**

#### The President’s primary role is laid out in section 5.7 of the Club and Society Regulations.

#### The President will hold the chair vote in Committee meetings and bid meeting decisions.

#### The President will organize room bookings, coordinate the Committee, liaise with the Union, maintain fairness and transparency within the Society and oversee all productions and projects.

#### **Treasurer**

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

#### The Treasurer is responsible for prompt and accurate financial dealings, including and not limited to: payment requests, event/budget forms and Friends’ trust applications.

#### The Treasurer will maintain the Society inventory and manage all Society equipment, making new purchases when required.

#### The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining open dialogue with show producers to help coordinate productions throughout the year and ensure budgets are being managed accurately.

#### The Treasurer will deputize for the President when the latter is unavailable.

#### **Secretary**

#### The Secretary is responsible for maintaining communication between the Committee, Society members and the wider UCL community.

#### The Secretary will take minutes at all Committee meetings and official meetings and promptly publish them to the relevant parties.

#### The Secretary will write a weekly email newsletter, monitor the Society email, manage social media outlets (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and update the Society website. They will respond promptly to any and all enquiries received, alerting other Committee members to respond where necessary.

#### The Secretary is responsible for aiding and supporting the President where necessary and for deputising the principal officers when they are unable to fulfil their duties.

#### **Events Coordinators – Two Roles**

#### The Events Coordinators are responsible for forming the production teams of all events that are not full-scale productions, for example concerts, Open Mics and Galas.

#### The Events Coordinators are responsible for every aspect of the event(s), including and not limited to: production team, casting, budget, auditions, rehearsals, costumes, music, and tech.

#### The Events Coordinators are responsible for any external shows or events the Society participates in and should facilitate opportunity when there is demand from Society members. This includes and is not limited to: inter-university showcases, competitions, festivals and performing at external events.

#### **Workshop and Welfare Coordinator**

#### The Workshop and Welfare Coordinator is responsible for organising a minimum of three workshops termly.

#### The Workshop and Welfare Coordinator will create opportunities for everyone that wishes to be involved in any aspect of musical theatre.

#### The Workshop and Welfare Coordinator will be responsible for maintaining the Musical Theatre Society section of the Costume cupboard.

#### The Workshop and Welfare Coordinator will be the first point of contact for members who wish to raise issues and concerns they are having with Society members and/or Society events.

#### **Volunteering Coordinator**

#### The Volunteering Coordinator will organize at least 4 volunteering events or opportunities each year.

#### The Volunteering Coordinator will be responsible for recruiting and training volunteers in line with VSU guidelines.

#### **Social Secretaries – Two Roles**

#### The Social Secretaries will work together to organize a range of socials for Society members, at least 4 each term.

#### The Social Secretaries will organize an annual Christmas party.

#### **Publicity Designer**

#### The Publicity Designer is responsible for the design and distribution of attractive and informative graphics to promote the Society and its activities.

#### The Publicity Designer will be responsible for the visual marketing of the Society.

#### They may take on joint responsibility (with the Secretary) for the website and social media channels if they wish.

#### **Freshers’ Representative**

#### The Freshers’ Representative is a first-year student voted in by society members at an EGM held in the first term.

#### The Fresher’s Representative will represent new students, communicate between new students and the Committee and improve integration into the society.

#### The Fresher’s Representative will assist and support the Social Secretaries and Events Coordinators in running socials and events.

#### Management of the Society shall be vested in the Society Committee which shall endeavour to meet weekly during term time (excluding college reading weeks) to organize and evaluate the Society’s activities.

#### The Committee members will perform the roles as described in section 5 of the Students’ Union UCL Club and Society Regulations.

#### Committee members are elected to represent the interests and well-being of Society members and are able to be held to account. If Society members are not satisfied by the performance of their representative officers they may call for a motion of no-confidence in line with the Students’ Union UCL Club and Society Regulations.

### Terms, Aims and Objectives

#### The Society shall hold the following as its aims and objectives.

#### The Society shall strive to fulfil these aims and objectives in the course of the academic year as its commitment to its membership.

#### The core activities of the Society shall be:

####  At least two musical theatre productions per term.

#### At least one large scale production per year, in the Bloomsbury Theatre or equivalent.

#### A 24-hour Freshers’ Musical to welcome new members to the society in early October.

#### An unauditioned performance event at least once per term.

#### At least three workshops a term which will be open to all.

#### In addition, the Society shall also strive to organize other activities for its members where possible:

#### To hold a Christmas party.

#### To hold an end-of-year Gala.

#### At least four socials in both Term One and Term Two.

#### To organize collaborative events with other societies for the enjoyment of members of all UCL students.

### Other Rules and Regulations

#### Anything being purchased at over £100 for Bloomsbury-scale shows or over £50 for garage shows should not be bought without asking for and obtaining the President and/or Treasurer’s permission.

#### Show producers must update the President and/or Treasurer weekly on the progress of the show.

#### Any DVD/filming must be arranged through Committee with a flat fee arranged and a contract signed by the producer of the show and the treasurer of the society.

#### Performance footage is not to be made publicly available without the explicit permission of the President.

#### All cross-casting decisions must be approved by the President before any cast are contacted. If there is a conflict of interest (e.g. President is on production team) then responsibility passes to other Committee members in the order listed in this constitution.

#### Jazz hands and/or ‘jazz bends’ must be in every musical theatre show, even if just for a split second.

#### *‘Country Roads’* by John Denver must be performed by the cast of a Bloomsbury production in the dressing room or a similar space before the start of each show.

#### Trigger warnings should be mandatory on ticket sales and social media for shows when applicable. The Welfare Officer will be consulted about this.

### This constitution shall be binding on the 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.

### This constitution has been approved and accepted as the Constitution for the Students’ Union UCL Musical Theatre 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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