UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
SRC Constitution

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Preamble

We, the students of the University of Cape Town, acknowledge our historical context within the African continent, South Africa and the Western Cape and resolve to unite in the pursuit of a university and society based on equality, social justice and democracy.

We therefore proclaim the Students' Representative Council (SRC) of the University of Cape Town as the primary governing body on all issues of student governance whose role shall be to:

> *Promote the vision and mission statement of the University of Cape Town;*
>
> *Affirm and promote the right of students to embark on the acquisition, dissemination and advancement of knowledge and academic excellence;*
>
> *Promote and protect the principles entrenched in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa;*
>
> *Uphold principles of transparency, accountability, responsiveness, fairness and participation in the student community;*
>
> *Articulate the aspirations of students within the University co-operative governance structures including the Council, Senate, Institutional Forum and University Committees; and*
>
> *Strive for social redress, increased access and active transformation within the University of Cape Town and the broader society.*

In performing their role, the elected representatives must collectively and individually exercise appropriate care, diligence and respect for the authority of this constitution.

In adopting this constitution for Student Governance at the University of Cape Town, we affirm the principles, values and provisions of the Higher Education Act (101 of 1997) as amended, and the Statute of the University of Cape Town.

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Definitions

(1) "Absolute majority" means a majority of the total membership or, in the case of a body that does not have a fixed membership, a majority of those present when the vote is taken.

(2) "Act" means the Higher Education Act, No. 101 of 1997 as amended.

(3) "Assessor members" refers to students, staff or external experts invited by the Student Governance Court for specific matters or issues.

(4) "Council" means the Council of the University of Cape Town.

(5) "Election Regulations" are the regulations that govern the elections of the SRC and Faculty Councils as approved by Council.

(6) "House Committees" include Executive Committees or Residence Associations where they perform the function set out in section 65.

(7) "Poll" as in the Election Regulations means 25% of all undergraduate students registered in the current year for a higher certificate, diploma, advanced diploma or a bachelor's degree (including students registered for the LLB degree) or a postgraduate diploma or an honours degree, who are eligible to vote (but excluding all students registered for a certificate, diploma or degree by distance mode).

(8) "Residences Committee" refers to the USAC committee responsible for advising USAC and Council on policy and funding related to the residences.

(9) "Simple majority" means a majority of the members present and voting, excluding those who abstain.

(10) "Sports Council" refers to the USAC committee responsible for advising USAC on policy and funding related to student sport.

(11) "Statute" means the Institutional Statute of the University promulgated under the Act.

(12) "Student" means a person registered as a student of the University.

(13) "Student governance legislation" means all the constitutions, standing rules, codes of conduct and any other document that regulates the functioning of student structures.

(14) "Student Societies and Organisations Committee" (SSOC) refers to the USAC committee responsible for advising USAC on policy and funding related to societies and student organisations.

(15) "University Student Affairs Committee" (USAC) means the Council committee responsible for advising Council on policy in the area of student development and services.

Chapter 1 Overview of Student Governance

Name

1. The name of the body shall be the Students' Representative Council of the University of Cape Town, hereinafter referred to as the SRC.

Legal Status and Indemnity

2. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, the Higher Education Act, the Statute and the authority of the Council, this constitution binds the SRC, student structures and all students of UCT.

3. The SRC is not a juristic person and is not the bearer of its own rights except insofar as it exists as a structure according to the provisions of the Act, with powers delegated to it by the Council. This provision applies to all student structures.

4. The constitution of the SRC has no legal force and effect unless such constitution and amendments thereto have been approved by the Council.

5. Members of the SRC must declare any conflicts of interest and must at least recuse themselves from discussions and decisions related to any conflict of interest.

6. Every member of the SRC is indemnified from all costs, losses and expenses which they may incur or become liable for by reason of any act or omission in discharging of their duties, unless the loss in question is caused by their own gross negligence, dishonesty and/or intentional conduct.

Structures of Student Governance

The following are the structures of Student Governance as defined in the chapters which follow:

7. The SRC is the highest decision making structure of student governance and has the following substructures:

    7.1. the SRC Standing Committees;

    7.2. the SRC Sub-Councils; and

    7.3. any other Sub-Committees it wishes to establish.

8. the Student Parliament;

9. the Student Governance Court;

10. the Constitutional Committee;

11. the Undergraduate Faculty Councils;

12. the Postgraduate Faculty Councils;

13. the Residence House Committees;

14. the Day House Committees;

15. the Societies;

16. the Sport Codes; and

17. the Development Agencies.

Chapter 2 SRC

Composition of the SRC

18. The SRC consists of 15 registered students elected annually in the manner prescribed in the Election Regulations.

SRC Term of Office

19. The SRC holds office from 1 November after the SRC elections until 31 October in the following year. [*For 2017, the term of the SRC is May- October 2017 as approved by Council on 18 March 2017]*

Termination of Membership

20. A member of the SRC ceases to hold office if and when:

    20.1. they cease to be a student of the University;

    20.2. they tender their resignation in writing and such resignation is accepted by the SRC; or

    20.3. their membership is terminated as a sanction by the Student Governance Court or the University Student Disciplinary Tribunal.

Functions, powers and duties of the SRC

21. Subject to the provisions of this constitution, the SRC:

    21.1. makes representations on behalf of students, in particular to the Council, Senate, Institutional Forum, and other bodies and officers of the University;

    21.2. transparently administers, in the interests of students, of the University such funds and assets as may be allocated to it from time to time by the Council, or as may be received by it from any other source;

    21.3. makes recommendations to the SSOC for the recognition of or withdrawal of recognition of any student society or organisation;

    21.4. convenes meetings of students;

21.5. conducts referenda to ascertain student opinion;

21.6. affiliates to bodies and organisations outside the University and represents students in such structures;

21.7. administers the use of premises provided by the University for promoting student activities;

21.8. publishes progress reports to the student body and the Council once a semester or more frequently if so decided, which reports must include policy decisions and positions taken in university committees;

21.9. initiates, undertakes or stimulates discussion, debate and action or makes views known on matters of general concern or likely to be of interest to or affect students or a group of students;

21.10. deploys students to university committees;

21.11. proposes amendments to this constitution;

21.12. establishes sub-committees, working groups or task teams as may be deemed necessary; and

21.13. provides progress reports to Student Parliament on recommendations made to the SRC and/or the implementation of binding decisions of the Student Parliament.

Meetings of the SRC

22. Meetings of the SRC take place from time to time in the manner prescribed in the standing rules.

23. Meetings of the SRC are open to students as observers or to address the SRC on a particular matter. Requests to attend meetings must be made in writing to the SRC Secretary-General. The SRC may decline the request to allow for sensitive or confidential matters to be discussed behind closed doors.

24. 50% +1 of the members of the SRC shall constitute a quorum. This quorum must be maintained throughout the duration of the meeting for it to remain quorate.

25. In the event that a meeting is not quorate or loses a quorum, the remaining members may decide to postpone or continue the meeting. Should the meeting continue, a chairperson's circular must be sent to all members and sufficient time must be allowed for objections to be received to proposed decisions. Should an objection be received, the matter must be discussed at the next meeting. In the absence of an objection, the proposed decision is deemed approved.

26. A SRC decision may be reviewed by or appealed to the Student Parliament, the Student Governance Court or the Constitutional Committee subject to the roles and responsibilities prescribed for these structures in their standing rules.

Chapter 3 SRC Presidency

Composition of the SRC Presidency

27. The SRC Presidency consists of the following SRC members:

    27.1. President;

    27.2. Vice President;

    27.3. Secretary-General;

    27.4. Deputy Secretary-General; and

    27.5. Treasurer-General.

Functions, duties and powers of the SRC Presidency

28. Subject to the provisions of this constitution, the SRC Presidency may:

    28.1. convene meetings of the SRC;

    28.2. deal with any matter of urgency;

    28.3. act as the executive and administrative committee of the SRC; and

    28.4. execute any mandate delegated to it by the SRC.

Meetings of the SRC Presidency

29. Meetings of the SRC Presidency take place from time to time in the manner prescribed in the standing rules.

30. 50% +1 of the members of the SRC Presidency constitute a quorum. This quorum must be maintained throughout the duration of the meeting for it to remain quorate.

31. In the event that a meeting is not quorate or loses quorum, members may decide to postpone or continue the meeting. Should the meeting continue, a chairperson's circular must be circulated to all members and sufficient time must be allowed for objections to be received to proposed decisions. Should an objection be received, the matter must be discussed at the next meeting. In the absence of an objection the proposed decision is deemed approved.

Chapter 4 SRC Standing Committees

SRC Standing Committees

32. The SRC must constitute the following standing committees, whose composition, functions and duties must be prescribed in standing rules:

32.1. the Finance Committee;

32.2. the Vacation Committee.

Chapter 5 SRC Sub-Councils

Constituting SRC Sub-Councils

33. The SRC must constitute sub-councils to represent:

33.1. undergraduate students in faculties, designated the Undergraduate Academic Sub-Council (UASC) for undergraduate students;

33.2. postgraduate students in faculties, designated the Postgraduate Academic Sub-Council (PASC) for postgraduate students;

33.3. students in residences, designated the Residences Sub-Council;

33.4. students in societies and day houses, designated the Societies and Day Houses Sub-Council;

33.5. students in sports codes, designated the Sports Sub-Council; and

33.6. students in development agencies, designated the Development Agencies Sub-Council (DASC).

Composition of Sub-Councils

34. The composition of each sub-council is determined in accordance with the provisions of its own standing rules.

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary of a Sub-Council

35. Each sub-council is chaired by the SRC member with the relevant portfolio.

36. Each sub-council must elect a vice-chairperson and a secretary from among its members.

Powers and duties of Sub-Councils

37. A sub-council is accountable to the SRC and responsible to its constituency.

38. A sub-council:

38.1. must aim to represent the interests of its constituency;

38.2. must perform duties in the manner prescribed in its standing rules;

38.3. must submit minutes of its meetings and an annual report to the SRC;

38.4. must communicate matters affecting students within its respective constituency to the SRC;

38.5. may make representations and/or presentations on particular matters to the SRC;

38.6. may make representations and/or presentations on particular matters to the Student Parliament;

38.7. must deploy representatives to the Student Parliament in the manner prescribed in the standing rules;

38.8. must administer funds and assets raised for its own affairs in accordance with its standing rules and approved budget; and

38.9. must collate and submit organisational and financial reports from all recognised student structures under its jurisdiction to the SRC once a semester.

Chapter 6 Student Parliament

Function

39. The Student Parliament:

39.1. is independent of the other student governance structures and subject to this constitution and its standing rules;

39.2. is the collective voice of the UCT student community;

39.3. holds the SRC and its sub structures accountable and plays an oversight role in the interests of students; and

39.4. is the forum of debate and discussion on issues affecting students and makes recommendations and/or decisions that bind the SRC, in pursuit of its mandate to serve students with integrity.

Composition

40. The Student Parliament consists of the following, as determined in the Student Parliament standing rules:

40.1. the members of the Students' Representative Council;

40.2. members of the Postgraduate Academic Sub-Council appointed by it;

40.3. members of the Undergraduate Academic Sub-Council appointed by it;

40.4. members of the Residences Sub-Council appointed by it;

40.5. members of the Societies and Day Houses Sub-Council appointed by it;

40.6. members of the Sports Sub-Council appointed by it;

40.7. members of the Development Agencies Sub-Council appointed by it;

40.8. members of the International Students Forum appointed by it; and

40.9. the Student Parliament Management Committee (SPMC).

Student Parliament Term of Office

41. The Student Parliament holds office from 1 November until 31 October in the following year.

Roles and Responsibilities

42. The Student Parliament serves to keep the SRC and its sub-structures accountable and transparent and rooted in the principles and values of this constitution.

43. Decisions taken by two-thirds of the full membership of the Student Parliament bind the SRC.

44. The Student Parliament may require any student structure described in this constitution to make submissions before the Student Parliament or one of its sub-committees.

45. The Student Parliament is responsible for appointing the members of the Student Governance Court and the Constitutional Committee.

Composition of the Student Parliament Management Committee

46. The SPMC consists of:

46.1. The Speaker, Deputy Speaker and the Convenor;

46.2. the SRC Secretary-General; and

46.3. a second member of the SRC appointed by the SRC who serves as the Secretary of the SPMC.

Election of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and the Convenor

47. The election of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Convenor of Student Parliament takes place in the third term of the year in which its term commences.

Meetings of the Student Parliament

48. Meetings of the Student Parliament are governed by its standing rules.

49. Any student may attend the meetings of Student Parliament as observers, subject to the standing rules of Student Parliament.

50. Ordinary Meetings

50.1. Ordinary meetings of the Student Parliament must be held at least once a quarter.

50.2. The Speaker must give at least seven days' notice of the date, time, venue and provisional agenda of such a meeting, to all its members and to the student body in general.

50.3. The Speaker must invite members of the Student Parliament to submit agenda items for the meeting at least two weeks before giving notice of a meeting.

51. Extraordinary Meetings

51.1. An extraordinary meeting of the Student Parliament must be held if and when

51.1.1. the Speaker in consultation with the SRC calls such a meeting; or

51.1.2. a sub-council of the SRC submits a written request to the Speaker for such a meeting, accompanied by a written motivation for the matters to be considered at the meeting.

51.2. Notice of the date, time, venue and agenda of an extraordinary meeting must be given to all members of the Parliament at least twenty-four hours before such a meeting.

52. The quorum for the Student Parliament is 50% + 1 of the members. This quorum must be maintained throughout the duration of the meeting for it to remain quorate.

53. In the event that a meeting is not quorate or loses quorum, members may decide to postpone or continue the meeting. Should the meeting continue, a chairperson's circular must be circulated to all members and sufficient time must be allowed for objections to be received to proposed decisions. Should an objection be received, the matter must be discussed at the next meeting. In the absence of an objection the proposed decision is deemed approved.

Amendments to the Student Parliament Standing Rules

54. Amendments to the standing rules of Student Parliament must be adopted by two-thirds of the full membership of the Student Parliament and submitted to the Constitutional Committee for approval.

Chapter 7 Student Governance Court

Function

55. The Student Governance Court:

55.1. is independent of the other student governance structures and subject only to this constitution and its standing rules, which the Court must apply impartially and without fear, favour or prejudice; and

55.2. presides over disciplinary matters lodged against student structures and/or members of student structures who have allegedly contravened any rule contained in the student governance legislation or who are accused of misconduct in their capacity as student leaders.

Composition

56. The Student Governance Court consists of:

    56.1. Five students, of whom at least two students must be registered in the Law Faculty, appointed by Student Parliament in the third term; and

    56.2. Assessor members who may be appointed for particular matters for their expert knowledge and who do not have voting rights in determining the outcome of a matter.

57. Once appointed to the Student Governance Court, members are ineligible to stand for election in any other student governance structure or serve in any leadership position in such structure

Chairperson of Student Governance Court

58. The Student Governance Court must elect a chairperson from among its members.

Student Governance Court Term of Office

59. The Student Governance Court holds office from 1 November until 31 October in the following year.

Roles and Responsibilities

60. The Student Governance Court must:

    60.1. act in a lawful, reasonable and procedurally fair manner;

    60.2. exercise all other powers, duties and functions as properly entrusted or assigned to it as prescribed in its standing rules;

    60.3. protect the anonymity of a complainant where this is requested by the complainant and it is considered appropriate and feasible to do so; and

    60.4. receive any complaints, acknowledge complaints and deal with complaints and/or conduct hearings expeditiously, and in the manner prescribed in its standing rules.

61. Complaints must be submitted to the Student Governance Court in writing along with any evidence in support of the complaint.

62. Should relevant new evidence come to light after the Student Governance Court has made a decision, the matter may be reopened for consideration by the Student Governance Court.

63. An appeal against any decision of the Student Governance Court lies to the University Student Disciplinary Tribunal.

Amendments to the Student Governance Court Standing Rules

64. Amendments to the standing rules of Student Governance Court must be submitted to the Constitutional Committee for approval.

Chapter 8 Residence House Committees, Day House Committees, Faculty Councils, Societies, Sports Codes and Development Agencies

Residence House Committees

65. A Residence House Committee is a student structure elected by students in a relevant residence, which, in accordance with its own constitution, provides sports, social, academic, cultural, and community outreach activities and opportunities, and addresses any other needs of students in that particular residence.

66. Residence House Committees are subject to this constitution as well as the University's rules and policies and the rules and policies of the Residence Committee.

67. A Residence House Committee must be elected in a manner that complies with the principles outlined in the Preamble of this constitution and in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of that residence.

68. The constitution of a Residence House Committee must be submitted to the SRC for its recommendation to the Constitutional Committee, which must consider the constitution and recommend appropriate changes to the Residences Committee for approval.

Day House Committees

69. A Day House, and its Day House Committee is a student structure registered with the SRC which, in accordance with its own constitution, provides sports, social, academic, cultural, and community outreach activities and opportunities, and addresses other needs of students in that particular Day House.

70. Day Students House Committees are subject to this constitution as well as the University's rules and policies and the rules and policies of the Societies and Student Organisations Committee.

71. Day Houses may be required to submit regular financial reports to the SRC through the Societies Sub-Council.

72. A Day House Committee must be elected in a manner that complies with the principles outlined in the Preamble of this constitution and in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of that Day House.

73. The constitution of a Day House Committee must be submitted to the SRC for its recommendation to the Constitutional Committee, which must consider the constitution and recommend appropriate changes to the Student Societies and Organisations Committee for approval.

Undergraduate Faculty Councils

74. An undergraduate faculty council is a student structure elected by undergraduate students registered in the relevant faculty and provides for community outreach and addresses the academic needs and any other needs of students in that particular faculty.

75. Undergraduate faculty council are subject to this constitution as well as the University's rules and policies and the rules and policies of the Societies and Student Organisations Committee.

76. An undergraduate faculty council is responsible for ensuring that there is a functioning system of class representatives.

77. The constitution of an undergraduate faculty council must be submitted to the SRC for its recommendation to the Constitutional Committee, which must consider the constitution and recommend appropriate changes to the Student Societies and Organisations Committee for approval.

Postgraduate Faculty Councils

78. A postgraduate faculty council is a student structure elected by postgraduate students registered in the relevant faculty and provides for community outreach and addresses the academic needs and any other needs of postgraduate students in that particular faculty.

79. Postgraduate Faculty Councils are subject to this constitution as well as the University's rules and policies and the rules and policies of the Societies and Student Organisations Committee.

80. The constitution of a postgraduate faculty council must be submitted to the SRC for its recommendation to the Constitutional Committee, which must consider the constitution and recommend appropriate changes to the Student Societies and Organisations Committee for approval.

Societies

81. A society is a student structure registered with the Student Societies and Organisations Committee, which, has a specific purpose in relation to social, political, religious, academic, cultural, community outreach or any other needs of students who join as members.

82. Societies are subject to this constitution as well as the University's rules and policies and the rules and policies of the Societies and Student Organisations Committee.

83. A society must elect an executive committee.

84. The constitution of a society must be submitted to the SRC for its recommendation to the Constitutional Committee, which must consider the constitution before submission to the Societies and Organisations Committee for approval.

Sports Codes

85. A sports code is a student structure registered with the Sports Council and affiliated to the Students' Sports Union, which has a specific purpose in relation to sports and any other needs of students who join as members.

86. Sports Codes are subject to this constitution as well as the University's rules and policies and the rules and policies of the Sports Council.

87. A sports code must elect an executive committee.

88. The constitution of a sports code must be submitted to the SRC for its recommendation to the Constitutional Committee, which must consider the constitution and recommend appropriate changes to the Sports Council for approval.

Development Agencies

89. A development agency is a student structure registered by the Student Societies and Organisations Committee, which:

    89.1. aims to serve the community in general and the diverse student body through delivery of a regular service or product; and

    89.2. operates in line with the standing rules of the Development Agencies Sub-Council.

90. A development agency is subject to this constitution as well as the University's rules and policies and the rules and policies of the Societies and Student Organisations Committee.

91. In the event that a development agency has a management committee or non-executive board:

    91.1. the SRC is entitled to nominate student representatives to that management committee or non-executive board as provided in the organisation's constitution; and

    91.2. accountability to the SRC is exercised through this management committee or non-executive board.

92. The constitution of a development agency must be submitted to the SRC for its recommendation to the Constitutional Committee, which must consider the constitution and may recommend changes to the Student Societies and Organisations Committee for approval.

93. The SRC, or any other student governance structure, must not limit the editorial and content independence of media development agencies, in accordance with Section 16 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

Chapter 9 Constitutional Committee

Function

94. The Constitutional Committee:

    94.1. is independent of the other student governance structures and subject only to this constitution and its standing rules;

    94.2. is the custodian of all student governance legislation; and

    94.3. is the final authority in interpreting student governance legislation.

Composition

95. The Constitutional Committee consists of:

    95.1. Five students, of whom at least two students must be registered in the law faculty, appointed by Student Parliament in the third term of the year in which its term of office commences.

96. Once appointed to the Constitutional Committee, members are ineligible to stand for election in any other student governance structure or serve in any leadership position in such structure.

Chairperson and Secretary of Constitutional Committee

97. The Constitutional Committee must elect a chairperson and a secretary from among its members.

Constitutional Committee Term of Office

98. The Constitutional Committee holds office from 1 November until 31 October in the following year.

Roles and Responsibilities

99. The Constitutional Committee is responsible for making recommendations on the approval and amendment of the constitutions of all student structures, before submission to the relevant student structures or university committees for final approval.

100. The Constitutional Committee is responsible for considering and approving the standing rules of all Sub-councils.

101. The Constitutional Committee is responsible for ensuring constitutional alignment of all student structures to the SRC Constitution, including the values and principles outlined in the preamble of the SRC Constitution.

102. The Constitutional Committee may provide student organisations with pro-forma constitutions drafted by it.

Amendments to the SRC Constitution

103. This constitution should be reviewed, and if necessary amended, on a five yearly basis unless there are extraordinary circumstances that require urgent amendments to be made.

104. The process for amending the SRC constitution is as follows:

    104.1. Any student may submit proposals for such amendment to the Secretary-General of the SRC.

    104.2. The SRC must refer proposed amendments to the Constitutional Committee for its consideration.

    104.3. The Constitutional Committee must submit its recommendations to the Student Parliament for its consideration and decision.

    104.4. The Student Parliament must submit its recommendations to the University Student Affairs Committee for its consideration and decision.

    104.5. The University Student Affairs Committee must submit its recommendations to the Council for its approval.

Interpretation

105. The Constitutional Committee must provide interpretations of all student governance legislation should the meaning of the legislation be unclear and may make a binding ruling where there is a dispute over interpretation.

Standing Rules

106. The SRC may create or amend SRC standing rules to regulate its activities and submit these to the Constitutional Committee for its approval.

107. The SRC must make standing rules for:

    107.1. SRC meetings and mass meetings;

    107.2. SRC portfolios;

    107.3. SRC Standing Committees; and

    107.4. SRC Sub-Councils.

Amendments to the Constitutional Committee Standing Rules

108. Amendments to the standing rules of the Constitutional Committee must be submitted to the Student Parliament for approval.

Chapter 10 Mass Meetings

Purpose of a Mass Meeting

109. Mass meetings may be convened:

    109.1. to create an opportunity for the SRC to account to the student body for its work and progress on student related policy;

    109.2. to create an opportunity for debate on issues concerning the student body;

    109.3. for the SRC to engage students on matters over which the SRC has jurisdiction; or

    109.4. for any other matter deemed appropriate by the SRC.

Convening a Mass Meeting

110. The SRC Secretary-General must convene a mass meeting or emergency mass meeting at the request of the SRC or a group of students in accordance with 113.

111. The SRC must convene at least one mass meeting per semester.

112. An emergency mass meeting may be called by the SRC should an urgent matter affecting students arise.

113. Students may request a mass meeting through a petition signed by at least five hundred students and handed over to the SRC Secretary-General. The Secretary-General must, after receiving this petition, inform the SRC and convene such a meeting within two weeks of the petition having been received.

114. Notice of the date, time, venue and agenda of a mass meeting must be given to all students through email, noticeboards and social media at least seven university days before such a meeting by the SRC Secretary-General. In the event of an emergency mass meeting, a twenty-four-hour notice period is required.

Chairperson, Quorum and Resolutions of a Mass Meeting

115. The Vice President or nominee of the SRC serves as the Chairperson of any mass meetings.

116. Attendance at mass meetings is compulsory for all SRC members.

117. The SRC Secretary-General or their nominee is responsible for taking minutes of such a meeting and making the minutes publicly available.

118. A resolution taken by the majority of those present at a mass meeting of at least 500 students must be tabled at the next meeting of the SRC.

119. A resolution taken by at least two-thirds of a mass meeting of at least 1000 students is binding on the SRC.

Chapter 11 SRC Elections

120. SRC elections must take place annually in the manner prescribed in the Election Regulations.

Chapter 12 Vacancies

121. If one or more vacancies arise in the membership of the SRC for whatever reason the SRC must:

    121.1. declare the student, or students who obtained the next highest number of votes in the immediately previous election to be a member or members to fill the vacancy or vacancies; or

    121.2. ask the Election Commission to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy or vacancies; provided that if asked to hold a by-election the Election Commission must do so within four weeks (excluding weeks falling in examination or exam consolidation periods or vacations) of being asked to do so; and provided further that no by-election need be held after 1 June in any year unless there are ten or more vacancies to be filled; or

    121.3. co-opt a student, or students, to fill the vacancy or vacancies provided that such co-option is endorsed by the Constitutional Committee and an absolute majority of the Student Parliament.

122. Portfolio reassignment may occur:

    122.1. when mutually agreeing portfolios submit a proposal to the SRC Secretary-General to be tabled at the following general SRC meeting and the proposal is ratified by a two-thirds majority of voting SRC members and endorsed by Student Parliament; or

    122.2. as a result of a vacancy and such reassignment is supported by two-thirds majority of voting SRC members.

Chapter 13: Interim SRC

123. An SRC election is invalid if the poll of 25% is not achieved.

124. Where an election is invalid because of an inadequate poll, the Election Commission must submit a report on the election to the Student Parliament and USAC. USAC must, having regard to the poll obtained and the views of the Student Parliament, make a recommendation to the Council as to whether to recognise the 15 members who received the most votes as an Interim SRC or take some other appropriate action to constitute an SRC or an interim SRC.

125. Should Council decide to establish an interim SRC, the interim SRC has the powers, rights and obligations of an SRC except that:

    125.1. it may not propose amendments to the SRC constitution; and

    125.2. it will be bound by a simple majority of the Student Parliament at a meeting of the Student Parliament at which there is a quorum.