

# THE CONSTITUTION OF WILGENHOF

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## **Preamble**

We, the House Members of Wilgenhof, in humble submission to the law of the Republic of South Africa and rules of Stellenbosch University, adopt this Constitution as the foundation of our institution, and in order for us to–

Be united, despite our differences, as Wilgenhoffers in our common pursuit of **Excellence**;

Embody **Respect** (a) in our recognition and treatment of all people, their ideas, beliefs, property, *et cetera*; (b) as well as respect for the intrinsic value of oneself, Wilgenhof, the Stellenbosch community and South African society;

Celebrate **Individuality** (a) through taking pride in one's separate existence and the unique qualities and goals which distinguishes one from others, (b) recognising one's freedoms as an autonomous being whilst recognising that an individual can only function meaningfully when he does so in terms of his whole environment and (c) harbouring no fear to be true to oneself in one's interaction with the world;

Uphold **Sense of Community** (a) by recognising the interdependence of community members, (b) by placing the needs of others before the needs of oneself, (c) and by fostering a sense of belonging in all community members and by providing eval support, physical safety and psychological safety so that all constituents can add value to the institution and receive value in return; and

Exhibit **Critical Thinking** by (a) recognising the extraordinary complexity of life, (b) never dismissing views contradictory to one's own without due investigation, (c) being a guardian of the truth, (d) objectively and thoroughly analysing situations, (e) creatively solving problems through an openness to new ideas coupled with healthy scepticism, and (f) practicing continuous self-reflection and improvement.

This Constitution is created by and for the residents of Wilgenhof – it is an agreement between Wilgenhoffers regarding the proper operation of Die Plek which is neither stagnant nor dogmatic, but which must grow and change as Wilgenhof does. These founding documents must at all times reflect the true operation, morals and convictions of the community.

## **The Wilgenhof Manifesto**

Wilgenhof must be:

- A modern and inclusive residence founded on the principles of Respect, Individuality, Sense of Community and Critical Thinking, informed by the pursuit of Excellence.
- A place of belonging, proud of our heritage but inspired by progress, where all are free to be themselves and where diversity of thought is championed.
- A platform to grow and excel at University and beyond, empowering Wilgenhoffers to become true agents of change and leaders of thought to propel South Africa forwards.
- Fully in support of the law and spirit of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the Bill of Rights contained therein, as well as the foundational values of freedom, equality and human dignity.
- In support of the statutes and values of Stellenbosch University, contributing to the uniquely rich experience of student life in Stellenbosch, with specific reference to the broader community.
- A source of pride for its residents, Stellenbosch University and South Africa, broadly recognised as an institution of thought and leadership.

## 1. Definitions

In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise indicates-

‘**Bach**’ refers to the building and Republic, Old Bachelors

‘**bo-lig**’ refers to the window above the door of each hool [plural, ‘**bo-ligte**’]

‘**Colosseum**’ refers to the main residence building

‘**Combine**’ refers to a joint sitting of the House Committee, Disciplinary Committee and the Residence Head

‘**Country-member**’ means an Old-Wilgenhoffer that still studies at Stellenbosch University

‘**founding documents**’ means the Wilgenhof Constitution, Regulations and House Rules

‘**Grootboek**’ refers to the book that contains the names of all past and present Wilgenhoffers

‘**hool**’ means a room [plural, ‘**hole**’]

‘**House Meeting**’ refers to a collective meeting of all the residents of Wilgenhof through which the highest authority of the House is recognised

‘**House**’ means all residents of Wilgenhof combined

‘**House Meeting**’ relates to an ordinary quarterly House Meeting

‘**Newcomers**’ means all current residents in their first year in Wilgenhof

‘**Old-Wilgenhoffer**’ means a Wilgenhoffer who no longer resides in Wilgenhof

‘**Oumanne**’ means all current residents not in their first year in Wilgenhof

‘**room**’ means a room in Old Bachelors

‘**satellite hool**’ means a hool belonging to a Republic but situated outside of its borders

‘**University**’ refers to the University of Stellenbosch

‘**whammy**’ means a Wilgenhoffer who is tasked with performing a certain function in respect of the administration of the House

‘**Wilgenhof Law Reports**’ refers to a codification of the findings of the Combine, and in exceptional cases, the Disciplinary Committee.

‘**Wilgenhoffer**’ means a current resident in Wilgenhof. ‘**House Member**’ has a similar meaning

## 2. Rights of House Members

(1) Every resident in Wilgenhof is a member of Wilgenhof and has-

- (a) the right to a full vote;
- (b) the right to table motions or amendments;
- (c) the right to serve on any committees or as whammies upon election, subject to specified restrictions in section 8(3) and Appendices 4 and 5; and
- (d) the right to have their interests protected by the Disciplinary Committee and advanced by the House Committee.

## 3. Obligations of House Members

(1) Every Wilgenhoffer must act in accordance with-

- (a) the values of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and especially the Bill of Rights enshrined therein;
- (b) the Ground Principles of Respect, Individuality, Sense of Community, and Critical Thinking both inside and outside of Wilgenhof;

- (c) the duty to subject themselves to the founding documents and the authority of the Combine; and
- (d) the duty to respect judgments of the Disciplinary Committee in a matter concerning them, recognising the right of the accused to appeal.

#### 4. Authority of the House and Constitution

- (1) This Constitution, in humble submission to the laws of the Republic of South Africa and the rules of Stellenbosch University, is the supreme law of Wilgenhof. Conduct inconsistent with national law or the Wilgenhof Constitution is invalid and is liable to be heard and punished by the Disciplinary Committee or the Combine.
- (2) The House exercises their highest authority in Wilgenhof through the House Meeting.
- (3) Amendments to the founding documents must take place in accordance with the quorum and majority vote percentage requirements set out below.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Quorum</i>	<i>Majority Vote</i>
Ground Principles, Manifesto, Sections 2, 3 and 4	2/3	80.00%
Constitution	2/3	66.67%
Regulations	2/3	66.67%
House Rules	2/3	50.00%
Elections	2/3	N/A

#### 5. The House Meeting

- (1) The House Meeting must be called at least once every academic quarter.
- (2) House Meetings are convened by the Primarius, in accordance with the procedure set out in Appendix 1.
- (3) The Secretary administrates the House Meeting and facilitates all votes and elections arising therefrom.
- (4) The House must be given notice of the House Meeting by the Secretary at least one week before its commencement.
- (5) Attendance of the House Meeting is mandatory -
  - (a) Unless a written application to be excused is submitted to the Primarius and is granted at least 24 hours before the Meeting. Such a written application to be excused shall only be granted for reasons of:
    - (1) Writing a semester- or year-assessment on the day subsequent to the House Meeting, excluding assignments, projects, class tests or tutorials.
    - (2) Severe personal tragedy or a serious family obligation, such as after a death in the family. The 24-hour rule is then waived.
    - (3) Personal injury or illness which prohibits attendance, such as hospitalisation arising from an accident. The 24-hour rule is then waived.
    - (4) Any further circumstance which may arise which makes attendance impossible, but excluding social gatherings, dances, concerts, *et cetera*. In such instances, and upon special application, relief may be granted to leave before the conclusion of the Meeting, but this will be the sole discretion of the Primarius.
- (6) It is the duty of the House Committee to expedite proceedings as far as possible.

- (7) It is the duty of the Disciplinary Committee to note the attendance or absence of every House Member and correlate it to the list of excused Members, taking appropriate action against unexcused absentees.
- (8) The agenda of the Meeting must be brought to the attention of the House by the Secretary at least 24 hours before the Meeting. This agenda must include all motions and amendments to the founding documents which have been tabled for debate at that Meeting.
- (9) House Members who wish to table a motion must do so in accordance with the template contained in Schedule 1 and it must submit the proposed motion to the Secretary no less than 36 hours before the commencement of the Meeting.
- (10) The Secretary must circulate the minutes of the House Meeting, including a summary of all motion- and election results, within one week of the conclusion of the Meeting. The minutes of that House Meeting must be ratified by signature of at least four House Members, present at that Meeting, before the Secretary circulates the minutes to the House.

#### **6. The Extraordinary House Meeting**

- (1) Notice of an Extraordinary House Meeting must be given to the House at least 24 hours before the Meeting if any motions are submitted.
  - (a) If no motions are involved, at least 3 hours' notice must be given.
- (2) An Extraordinary House Meeting also requires written request of at least 20 voting Members of the House.
  - (a) Only the Primarius and Residence Head are exempt from this requirement.

#### **7. The House Committee**

##### Composition

- (1) The House Committee of Wilgenhof consists of twelve members who hold the following offices:
  - (a) Primarius
  - (b) Vice-Primarius
  - (c) Secretary
  - (d) Sportvoorsitter (S.V.)
  - (e) Ambassador
  - (f) Integration Officer (I.O.)
  - (g) Maestro
  - (h) Treasurer
  - (i) Archivist
  - (j) Facilities Management (P.K.)
  - (k) Welcoming Leader (V.V.)
  - (l) Head Mentor
- (2) The House Committee members begin operating as such from the moment that their election is confirmed at the Third House Meeting.
- (3) These offices are allocated to the House Committee members after their election in accordance with Appendix 2 of the Regulations.

### Duties and Authority

- (4) The authority of the House Committee is derived from the House by whose democratic vote the House Committee is elected and confirmed.
- (5) The House Committee is responsible for-
  - (a) maintaining the Ground Principles and founding documents;
  - (b) representing the interests of the House at all times;
  - (c) the management and administration of Wilgenhof;
  - (d) handling House-related decisions; and
  - (e) familiarising themselves and acting in accordance with the Stellenbosch University Residence Rules.
- (6) A House Committee member may appoint House Members to assist him in carrying out his duties in line with sections 15 and 16 of the Constitution. A committee must be described in this Constitution before its operation can be legitimate.

### House Committee Meetings

- (7) House Committee Meetings must take place at least once per week.
- (8) Eight members constitute quorum in a House Committee Meeting.
- (9) The Primarius is the Chairman and has the decisive vote in the event of a deadlock.
- (10) House Members that do not serve on the House Committee may be present at these Meetings with the consent of the House Committee.
  - (a) These House Members will have the right to speak at such a Meeting.
  - (b) These House Members will not have a right to vote at such a Meeting.
- (11) The House Committee must have one open Meeting which all House Members may attend without prior consent at least once a quarter. The House must be notified of such Meeting by the Secretary at least one week before its commencement.
- (12) The minutes of a House Committee Meeting must be made available to the House within 24 hours after that Meeting.

### Emergency House Committee

- (13) If the entire House Committee resigns or is removed from office, an Emergency House Committee must be elected within two weeks of such resignation or removal.
- (14) The term of office of the Emergency House Committee commences upon their election and ends at the Third House Meeting, where their succeeding ordinary House Committee must be announced.

## **8. The Disciplinary Committee**

### Composition

- (1) The Disciplinary Committee consists of 10 members additional to the Vice-Primarius.
- (2) The Vice-Primarius is the *ex officio* Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.
- (3) Save for the Vice-Primarius, no member of the House Committee may serve on the Disciplinary Committee.

### Duties and Authority

- (4) The Disciplinary Committee is the main disciplinary organ of the House but is subject to the authority of the Combine.

- (5) The Disciplinary Committee must ensure the maintenance of discipline in the House.
- (6) The Disciplinary Committee is responsible for maintaining and enhancing the safety and security of Wilgenhof.
- (7) The Disciplinary Committee must keep an account of the details of Disciplinary Committee hearings, including but not limited to:
  - (a) The name of the accused;
  - (b) The crime allegedly committed;
  - (c) The outcome decided upon, and in complex cases, justification thereof.
- (8) Disciplinary Committee Meetings must take place at least once a month.

## 9. The Combine

### Composition

- (1) The Combine represents the highest disciplinary authority in Wilgenhof and is summoned only in extraordinary circumstances.
- (2) The Combine is constituted jointly by the House Committee and the Disciplinary Committee.
- (3) The Primarius, Vice-Primarius, Residence Head jointly chair the Combine (“the Chairs”), and their presence, together with the presence of seven additional House Committee members and seven additional Disciplinary Committee members must be secured to constitute quorum in the Combine.

### Rights and Authority

- (4) Only the Combine can decide on the expulsion of a House Member from Wilgenhof, in which event this power is exercised through the Residence Head.
- (5) The Combine is summoned by either the Primarius, Vice-Primarius or Residence Head. A Combine may only be summoned where they suspect that:
  - (a) the continued presence of the accused in Wilgenhof poses an imminent threat to the order and discipline of Wilgenhof;
  - (b) the continued presence of the accused in Wilgenhof poses a real and urgent danger to the mental or physical well-being of fellow Wilgenhoffers;
  - (c) the continued presence of the accused in Wilgenhof poses a real or urgent risk of serious damage being done to University property;
  - (d) the offence committed by the accused has been severely injurious to the interests of another person;
  - (e) the accused has thieved from Wilgenhof or another Wilgenhoffer; or
  - (f) the accused has grossly contravened the Ground Principles in a way that he has brought Wilgenhof into such disrepute that his continued residence is unimaginable. In such an event, a lesser sanction than expulsion may be imposed.
- (6) A House Member may approach the Primarius, Vice-Primarius or Residence Head regarding matters which warrant a Combine to be summoned. Alternatively, the Vice-Primarius may refer a normal disciplinary matter to the Combine when he is of the opinion that it is warranted.
- (7) Every person that is brought before the Combine has the right to-
  - (a) acquire legal advice from another House Member and may be represented by such Member;

- (b) be informed by the Primarius of the proceedings at least 48 hours before the commencement thereof, including notification of the full extent of the charges and the possible implications of conviction, noting that he may be summarily suspended from Wilgenhof by the Residence Head before this time; and
  - (c) defend himself, but not to attend the full proceedings where the Combine wishes to debate the outcome in his absence.
- (8) The Combine must hold a general meeting once a quarter in order to discuss managerial matters relevant to Wilgenhof at that time.

### Procedure

- (9) The procedure of the Combine is as follows:
- (a) Upon summoning the Combine as in section 9(6), a date and time must be determined for the tribunal to take place. Additional to section 9(6)(b), the Primarius must also inform the House Committee and Disciplinary Committee within such a time as is necessary for them to make the appropriate arrangements for ensuring quorum.
  - (b) The Chairs must appoint a prosecutor on behalf of the House to lay the case against the accused before the Combine. Such a prosecutor must collect evidence and may arrange to summon witnesses in order to reveal all the relevant facts but must act with respect and fairness towards the accused.
  - (c) At the appointed date and time, the accused must appear before the sitting Members of the Combine.
  - (d) The charges, their severity, and possible sanctions must be read to the accused by the Chairs. They must inform him that the process is inquisitorial.
  - (e) The prosecutor must then proceed to present the case against the accused on behalf of the House, including the summoning of witnesses. The Chairs may question the witnesses to test their versions after their testimony is complete.
  - (f) The accused or his representative must then respond to the charges and plead his guilt or innocence. The Chairs may question the accused to test his version after his testimony is complete.
  - (g) The Chairs and other Members of the Combine are then presented the opportunity to ask any further questions in order to clarify the facts surrounding the alleged offence.
  - (h) After the facts have been established, the Combine must then debate the matter before a finding can be made. The Combine may ask for the accused to leave the room for purposes of this debate, but he must return to receive judgment.
  - (i) After debate, the Chairs must make a finding of the innocence or guilt of the accused. A majority vote among them is required. Before a sanction is imposed, the accused has the opportunity to argue mitigating factors which may serve to lessen the sanction.
  - (j) The sanction must then be decided and communicated to the accused, after which it is final and binding in Wilgenhof.
  - (k) The judgment of the Combine must be communicated to the House as soon as possible after the conclusion of the matter.
  - (l) The Vice-Primarius must compile a detailed report of the proceedings and judgment of the tribunal. This report must be included in the Wilgenhof Law Reports and communicated to the House, but where extremely sensitive information is revealed during the tribunal, it may be censored in order to protect the accused.
  - (m) If the Chairs deem it appropriate, the matter may be discussed at the subsequent House Meeting to inform the House of the proceedings and the outcome in greater detail.

## 10. The Mentors

### Composition

- (1) The Head Mentor is the *ex officio* Convenor of the Mentors.
- (2) The number of mentors is allotted by the University based on the number of incoming Newcomers, which may be supplemented if needed with financial assistance from the Wilgenhof Alumni Association.

### Duties

- (3) The Mentors are tasked with assisting Newcomers during their first year in Wilgenhof, both personally and academically, as informed by Appendix 2 of the Regulations.
- (4) The Mentors must help the Head Mentor in furthering the interests of Wilgenhof academics and the personal development of House Members in general.
- (5) The Mentors must submit a report detailing the progress and well-being of their mentees to the Head Mentor two weeks after Welcoming Week as well as at the end of each semester.
- (6) The Mentors must arrange the Common SS before the start of each examination period.

## 11. The Residence Head

### Duties and Responsibilities

- (1) The Residence Head is responsible for the general management of the residence and serves as the primary link of communication between Wilgenhof and University structures.
- (2) The Residence Head derives their authority and duties from Section 2.2 of the University's Residence Rules.
- (3) The Residence Head must be present at every House Meeting.
- (4) The Residence Head must address the House at the House Meeting to give an overview of the House, communication from the University and any feedback necessary.

### The Combine

- (5) The Residence Head serves as one of the three Chairs of the Combine.

### The Election Committee

- (6) The Residence Head is an *ex officio* member of the Election Committee for all of the major elections in Wilgenhof.

### Law Reform Commission

- (7) In the event that the Vice-Primarius appoints a Law Reform Commission for legislative renewal, the Residence Head may advise or serve on such committee to ensure compliance with all University rules.

## 12. Elections

- (1) Elections must take place through a secret ballot, either electronically or written.
- (2) Elections must take place in accordance with the election procedure outlined in Appendix 3.

### The Election Committee

- (3) The Election Committee must organise the major elections in Wilgenhof which includes the election of the Primarius, Vice-Primarius, House Committee, and Disciplinary Committee.
- (4) The Election Committee is announced a minimum of one week before the start of the election process.
- (5) The Election Committee consists of four members and a convenor and is selected appointed by the House Committee.
- (6) The Residence Head serves as an *ex officio* member of the Election Committee.

### Quorum

- (7) There must be a quorum of two-thirds of the House for every election in Wilgenhof.

### Election of the Primarius and Vice-Primarius

- (8) The election of the Primarius and Vice-Primarius takes place before the election of the House Committee.
- (9) A caucus must be held before the election of the Primarius and Vice-Primarius where each candidate provides an address and a policy statement to the House.

### Election of the House Committee

- (10) The election of the House Committee opens upon the announcement of both the Primarius and Vice-Primarius.
- (11) The House Committee is announced at the Third House Meeting.

### Election of the Disciplinary Committee

- (12) The election of the Disciplinary Committee takes place in the week after the Third House Meeting.
- (13) The Disciplinary Committee is announced no more than two weeks after the conclusion of the House Meeting.

### Special election in the case of a vacancy

- (14) In the case of a resignation, impeachment, or any other such vacancy, a special election must take place to fill that vacancy. The special election must take place in accordance with the Constitutional directions for the election of that committee or office.
- (15) Special elections must take place and their results announced within a two weeks of the vacancy.

### Election of the Mentors

- (16) The election of the Mentors takes place in the fourth academic quarter.
- (17) The Mentors are announced at the Fourth House Meeting.
- (18) The election of the Mentors is facilitated and elected by a panel consisting of the incoming Primarius, Vice-Primarius, Head Mentor and Welcoming Leader as well as the outgoing Primarius, Vice-Primarius and Head Mentor.

### Election of Committees and Offices

- (19) The Secretary must facilitate the election of committees and whammies.
- (20) The House is informed of the committees and offices up for election 48 hours before a House Meeting.
- (21) The election of these committees and offices must commence within 48 hours after that House Meeting and the results thereof must be released no more than one week after that House Meeting.

## **13. Resignation**

### Procedure

- (1) The Primarius may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the Residence Head and the Residence Head accepts.
- (2) The Vice-Primarius may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the Residence Head and the Residence Head accepts.
- (3) A House Committee Member may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the Primarius and the Primarius accepts.
- (4) A Disciplinary Committee Member may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the Vice-Primarius and the Vice-Primarius accepts.
- (5) A Mentor may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the Head Mentor and the Head Mentor accepts.
- (6) A House Member serving on a committee or as a whammy may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the Primarius and the Primarius accepts.

### Resignation of the Primarius

- (7) In the event of the resignation of the Primarius, the Vice-Primarius becomes the acting-Primarius until a new Primarius is elected. The election of the new Primarius must take place within two weeks of such resignation.
- (8) The new Primarius is elected by the House from the members of the House Committee in accordance with section 12(12A).
- (9) Every House Committee member is eligible for election unless they withdraw from the list of nominees.
- (10) A special election, in which all House Members are eligible to stand, must then be held to fill the vacancy of the House Committee member left by the newly elected Primarius. This election must take place within two weeks of the new Primarius's election.

### Resignation of the Vice-Primarius

- (11) In the event of the resignation of the Vice-Primarius, the Primarius becomes the acting-Vice-Primarius until a new Vice-Primarius is elected. The election of the new Vice-Primarius must take place within two weeks of such resignation.
- (12) The new Vice-Primarius is elected by the House from the members of the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with section 12(12A).
- (13) Every Disciplinary Committee member is eligible for election unless they withdraw from the list of nominees.

- (14) A special election, in which all House Members are eligible to stand, must then be held to fill the vacancy on the Disciplinary Committee left by the newly elected Vice-Primarius. This election must take place within two weeks of the new Vice-Primarius's election.

#### Effect of resignation

- (15) If a House Member resigns from a committee or office, they are relieved of the duties and authority that come with that committee or office from the moment their resignation is accepted.

### **14. Impeachment**

#### Procedure

- (1) A House Member may be impeached from any committee or office by a two-thirds majority vote at a House Meeting or Extraordinary House Meeting.
- (2) That House Member may not vote in his own impeachment.
- (3) A Disciplinary Committee Member who is found guilty of misconduct in his personal capacity will unilaterally be removed from office upon the third violation of his office by operation of law.
- (4) A House Committee Member who is found guilty of dereliction of his duties as contained in Appendix 2 will unilaterally be removed from office upon the third violation of his office by operation of law.

#### Proceedings

- (5) The Articles of Impeachment is set out in Schedule 2 and must be submitted to the Residence Head.
- (6) The Articles of Impeachment must then be distributed to the accused.
- (7) The presenter of the Articles of Impeachment or the supporters of the articles of impeachment must present the case for such House Member's impeachment at the House Meeting or Extraordinary House Meeting.
- (8) The accused then has a chance to defend himself at the House Meeting or Extraordinary House Meeting.
- (9) The House then votes on the impeachment.

#### Effect

- (10) In the case of the impeachment of the Primarius, the same procedure applies as in the subsection *Resignation of the Primarius* in subsections 12A(6) – 12A(9).
- (11) In the case of the impeachment of the Vice-Primarius, the same procedure applies as in the subsection *Resignation of the Vice-Primarius* in subsections 12A(10) – 12A(12A).
- (12) That House Member is relieved of the duties and authority that come with that committee or office from the moment their impeachment vote is certified.
- (13) The impeached member may never stand for re-election to that or any other committee or office unless permission is obtained by a two-thirds majority of the House.

## 15. Committees

### General

- (1) Appendix 4 contains all information on every committee that operates in Wilgenhof including, but not limited to:
  - (a) Number of committee members;
  - (b) Convenorship;
  - (c) Description of their scope, powers and duties; and
  - (d) The election or appointment of that committee.
- (2) Candidates for committees which are appointed must submit an application to the relevant House Committee member for consideration before they may be appointed to that office.

### Secretary's Committees

- (3) The Admin Committee
- (4) The Legal Advice Committee

### S.V.'s Committees

- (5) The Rugby Committee
- (6) The WiPL Committee

### Ambassador's Committees

- (7) The Website Committee
- (8) The Diplomats

### I.O.'s Committees

- (9) The Critical Thinking Committee
- (10) The June Community Service Committee
- (11) The December Community Service Committee

### Maestro's Committees

- (12) The Culture Committee
- (13) The Molassesêr Coaches
- (14) The Pub Committee
- (15) The AV Club
- (16) The Carry-6-Packer Committee
- (17) The House Dinner Committee
- (18) The House Dance Committee
- (19) The Snooker Hool Committee

### Treasurer's Committees

- (20) The Financial Committee
- (21) The Black Jag Committee

### Archivist's Committees

- (22) The Archive Committee
- (23) The Bliksem Digital Committee
- (24) The Newsletter Editors

- (25) The Reunion Committee
- (26) The Ramdinee Committee

#### P.K.'s Committee

- (27) The Food Committee

#### Head Mentor's Committee

- (28) The Library Committee

### 16. Whammies

#### General

- (1) Appendix 5 contains all information on every whammy office that operates in Wilgenhof including, but not limited to:
  - (a) The number of whammies;
  - (b) The description of their scope, powers and duties; and
  - (c) The occasion when they are appointed or elected.

#### Secretary's Whammies

- (2) The Computer Whammies
- (3) The Counters

#### S.V.'s Whammies

- (4) The Sport Whammies of-
  - (a) Basketball
  - (b) Chess
  - (c) Cricket
  - (d) Hockey
  - (e) Squash
  - (f) Table Tennis
  - (g) Tennis
  - (h) Ultimate
  - (i) Water Polo
- (5) The Rugby President
- (6) The Gym Whammies

#### Ambassador's Whammies

- (7) The Cor Langeberg's
- (8) The Kinne Korre
- (9) The YouTube Whammy

#### Maestro's Whammies

- (10) The Rawe Leaders

#### Archivist's Whammy

- (11) Joe R. Nalis

P.K.'s Whammies

- (12) The Light Whammies
- (13) The Glass Breaker
- (14) The Glass Cleaner
- (15) The Toolbox Whammy

V.V.'s Whammies

- (16) The Kwottieball Whammies
- (17) The Rennie Whammy
- (18) The Black Bag Whammy
- (19) The Fanie Louw
- (20) The Game Ranger
- (21) The Guardian Angels
- (22) The Caddies
- (23) Postmaster General

Head Mentor's Whammy

- (24) The Book Club Whammy

**17. Republics**General

- (1) Certain parts of the residence may be separated, with the consent of the House Meeting, in order to form Republics.
- (2) At the First House Meeting, the P.K. must outline the new borders of each Republic and to which Republic the 'Gebedshool' belongs.

Republics

- (3) The following Republics are recognised and declared in Wilgenhof:
  - (a) Cravens;
  - (b) Dublin;
  - (c) Hoek Hoeria;
  - (d) Old-Bachelors;
  - (e) Oord;
  - (f) Palestina;
  - (g) Saagmeule;
  - (h) the Newcomer Republic;
  - (i) Tjommies;
  - (j) Wankers; and
  - (k) Zluipers' Ztoep.

Emblems

- (4) Each Republic has their own emblem which must be represented on the 'bo-ligte' of every hool in that Republic.

- (5) Every hool's 'bo-lig' must be adorned with its Republic's 'bo-lig' by the First House Meeting.

#### The Newcomer Republic

- (6) The name of the Newcomer Republic is decided by the Newcomers every year during Welcoming.
- (7) The emblem of the Newcomer Republic is the *Doodswraak* contained in Schedule 3. The Newcomers are provided the opportunity to add any paraphernalia or modifications to the *Doodswraak* during Welcoming.

#### Republic Heads

- (8) Each Republic must elect a Republic Head each year. He is responsible for maintaining the Republic, managing his Republic's affairs, and organising his Republic's events.
- (9) The Newcomer Republic may not have a Republic Head as the Newcomers must run the Republic in the fashion of a direct democracy.
- (10) Each Republic Head must be elected before the First House Meeting.
- (11) The Republic Head represents his Republic at the Kwod Council.

#### The Kwod Council

- (12) The Kwod Council is a forum of all the Republic Heads to discuss Republic-related matters and hold each other to account for the doings of their respective Republics. The Newcomer Republic is not represented at the Kwod Council as they are overseen by the V.V.
- (13) The V.V. represents the Newcomer Republic at the Kwod Council.
- (14) The Kwod Council must establish an online communication platform, to which they are all party, for communicating to each other about Republic-related matters.
- (15) The Vice-Primarius is the *ex officio* Chairman of the Kwod Council.

#### Restrictions

- (16) There must be at least two hole reserved for second years in each Republic, excluding Oord and the Newcomer Republic.
- (17) All Newcomers are automatically citizens of the Newcomer Republic.

#### Annexations

- (18) Hole may be exchanged and annexed by Republic Heads on behalf of their Republics, subject to the ratification of the agreement by the P.K. Such exchanges must be publicised to the House at the First House Meeting.

#### The 'Gebedshool'

- (19) The 'Gebedshool', situated next to the Sport Hool, is always a satellite hool and its hoolies must either renew their satellite hool agreement with the respective Republic Head or change allegiances by the First House Meeting.

## 18. The Alumni Association

### Composition

- (1) The Wilgenhof Alumni Association consists of eight members, of which five are permanent, and is guided by their own Constitution.
- (2) The Residence Head, Primarius and Archivist serve as *ex officio* members of the Alumni Association and must be present at the Alumni Association's quarterly meetings.

## 19. Emblem

- (1) "WILGENHOF," "WILLOWS," and "DIE PLEK" are class 25 (clothing, footwear, and headgear) registered trademarks of *The Members of the Wilgenhof Bond*. Any use of these trademarks must be appropriately authorised by the Alumni Association.
- (2) Wilgenhof's emblem is contained in Schedule 4. Any deviation from this logo for merchandising or other purposes must be authorised by a majority decision of House Committee.
- (3) No person may appropriate the Wilgenhof emblem or otherwise purport to represent Wilgenhof except with the explicit authority of the Primarius and the Ambassador.
- (4) When Wilgenhoffers use any of these trademarks in order to produce merchandising for sale to the House, 10 *per cent* of the profit must be paid to the Huiskas.
- (5) Wilgenhof's emblem and other representative symbols may only be changed by a majority vote. If this occurs, the Secretary must notify the Alumni Association of the change and request that they register the new symbols with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC).

## 20. State of Emergency

### Operation

- (1) In the case of an uncontrollable extraordinary event, a State of Emergency can be instated with a unanimous vote by the House Committee and the Residence Head and must be announced to the House.
- (2) The institution of the State of Emergency grants the House Committee the power to suspend sections of the Constitution, Regulations or House Rules in the interests of the House.
- (3) Any suspension must be published to the House and must include a detailed motivation and comprehensive account of the changed provisions.

### Termination

- (4) The House has the ability to terminate the State of Emergency by a majority vote.
- (5) The House Committee has the ability to terminate the State of Emergency by a majority vote at a House Committee Meeting.

### Exemptions

- (6) The following sections are exempt from the State of Emergency's operation:
  - (a) Section 1 – Definitions
  - (b) Section 2 – Rights of House Members
  - (c) Section 3 – Obligations of House Members

- (d) Section 4 – Authority of the House and Constitution
- (e) Section 9 – The Combine
- (f) Section 11 – The Residence Head
- (g) Section 12A – Resignations
- (h) Section 14 – Impeachment
- (i) Section 19 – Emblem
- (j) Section 20 – State of Emergency