

CONSTITUTION FOR ONE HOPE CHURCH SOCIETY

1. Preamble

- 1.1. The purpose of the One Hope Church Students Society is:
 - 1.1.1. To provide a formal body by which the student members of One Hope Church Stellenbosch (One Hope) can be represented in the student governance structures at Stellenbosch University,
 - 1.1.2. To provide a formal body through which the student members of One Hope Church can cooperate with other student groups represented by the Societies Council.
- 1.2. The aims of the One Hope Students Society are:
 - 1.2.1. To represent the interests of the students of One Hope in student decision making bodies at Stellenbosch University.
 - 1.2.2. To cooperate with other societies at Stellenbosch University where the interests of the students of One Hope align with those of other student groups.
- 1.3. The objectives of the One Hope Students Society are:
 - 1.3.1. To be present and active in Stellenbosch University student leadership structures.
 - 1.3.2. To develop collaborative relationships with other student groups on campus to pursue shared interests.

2. Mission Statement

- 2.1. The One Hope Students Society exists to represent One Hope Students in student governance structures at Stellenbosch University, as well as to provide a platform for collaboration between One Hope Students and other student groups towards shared interests.

3. Definitions

- 3.1. Student: a registered student at Stellenbosch University.
- 3.2. One Hope Church Stellenbosch:
- 3.3. One Hope Church Students: students that attend and form part of the One Hope Church community.
- 3.4. One Hope Church eldership team: the team that gives oversight leadership to One Hope Church Stellenbosch.

- 3.5. Committee: the One Hope Church society committee acts as a team that plans arranges all student activities within One Hope Church Stellenbosch.
- 3.6. Executive Committee: the Executive Committee is drawn from the larger committee and consists of the two Co-Chairpersons, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

4. Membership

- 4.1. Any person, including persons not registered for study at Stellenbosch University, may become a member of the One Hope Students Society, provided they desire to be regularly informed of the activities of One Hope Church Stellenbosch.
- 4.2. No annual membership fee will be charged to members of the One Hope Student Society.
- 4.3. Any member of One Hope Students Society may terminate their membership at any time by contacting any member of the One Hope Students Society Executive Body, either in writing or verbally.
- 4.4. The rights of all members of the One Hope Students Society are as follows:
 - 4.4.1. All members have the right to be regularly informed of the activities of One Hope Church Stellenbosch.
 - 4.4.2. No other special rights are afforded to ordinary members of One Hope Students Society.
 - 4.4.3. The right to attend Committee meetings is reserved for the members of the Committee only.
 - 4.4.4. A member of One Hope Students Society may attend a Committee meeting only by invitation extended by a member of the Executive Committee.
 - 4.4.5. No member of One Hope Church society has the right to make statements on behalf of One Hope Church Stellenbosch.
- 4.5. Membership of One Hope Students Society is not equivalent to membership of One Hope Church Stellenbosch, ie. becoming a member of One Hope Student Society does not in any way affect a person's relationship with One Hope Church Stellenbosch.
- 4.6. Membership of One Hope Church Stellenbosch does not automatically constitute membership of One Hope Students Society.

5. Executive Committee Composition

- 5.1. The Executive Committee is composed of no less than four (4) members of the larger One Hope Church society committee.
- 5.2. The following portfolios must be filled by members of the Executive Committee:
 - Co-chairperson 1
 - Co-chairperson 2
 - Treasurer

- Secretary

- 5.3. Further portfolios may be created, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 5.4. Members of the Executive Committee are chosen by the Co-chairpersons, in consultation with the Eldership Team of One Hope Church Stellenbosch.
- 5.5. The Executive Committee's term will run from the 4th academic term, according to the calendar of Stellenbosch University, until the 4th academic term of the following year.
- 5.6. The selection of the Executive Committee for the following year will begin in the 4th academic term, according to the calendar of Stellenbosch University.
- 5.7. The nominees for the following year's Co-chairpersons will be chosen by the existing Co-chairpersons, in consultation with the existing Executive Committee and with the Eldership Team of One Hope Church Stellenbosch.
- 5.8. Should either or both of the Co-chairpersons be willing to continue serving in the following term, he/she may nominate himself/herself.
- 5.9. The nominees for the Co-chairpersons will be offered the positions, and be provided seven (7) calendar days to accept or reject the offer.
- 5.10. Upon accepting the position, the nominee will be appointed Co-chairperson for the following term.
- 5.11. Upon rejecting the position, the existing Co-chairpersons must nominate another candidate, again in consultation with the Executive Committee and with the approval of the Eldership Team of One Hope Church Stellenbosch.
- 5.12. The newly appointed Co-chairpersons will nominate the members of the Executive Committee, with the approval of the Eldership Team of One Hope Church Stellenbosch.
- 5.13. The nominees for the Executive Committee will be offered the position of Executive Committee member, and will have seven (7) days to accept or reject the offer.
- 5.14. Upon accepting the offer, the nominee will be appointed to the Executive Committee of the following term.
- 5.15. Upon rejecting the offer, the Co-chairpersons are NOT required to offer the position to another person.
- 5.16. The newly appointed Executive Committee will itself decide what portfolios it will institute (with reference to the required portfolios mentioned in 5.2.2) and will itself decide which members of the Executive Committee will hold which portfolios.
- 5.17. It is not required that each member of the Executive Committee hold a unique portfolio.
- 5.18. Should a member of the Executive Committee vacate their position, the remaining members of the Executive Committee will decide whether to fill the vacant position, or whether to reallocate the responsibilities of the vacant position to other members of the Executive Committee.
- 5.19. Should the Executive Committee decide to fill the vacant position, the position will be filled by nominating a candidate as according to 5.2.4.

6. Executive Committee Roles and Responsibilities

- 6.1. All members of the Executive Committee are required to regularly attend the Committee meetings. These meetings occur once a week at the discretion of the Co-chairpersons.
- 6.2. All members of the Executive Committee are required to attend to the duties assigned to them to the best of their abilities.
- 6.3. The Co-chairpersons are responsible for convening Committee meetings, in communication with all members of the Committee.
- 6.4. The Co-chairpersons are responsible for forming the agenda to be discussed at each Committee meeting, in consultation with the other members of the Committee.
- 6.5. The Secretary is responsible for taking minutes at every Committee meeting, and distributing those minutes after the meeting.
- 6.6. The Treasurer is responsible for recording all financial transactions made on behalf of One Hope Church society, and communicating with the Finance Department of One Hope Church Stellenbosch.

7. Discipline

7.1. Discipline of ordinary members

- 7.1.1. There are no existing disciplinary measures for ordinary members of the One Hope Church society.

7.2. Discipline of Executive Committee members

- 7.2.1. If it is deemed by the Executive Committee and the Eldership team of One Hope Church that an executive member is not fulfilling his or her commitments, and if a solution cannot be found in consultation with the member, the member may be asked to resign from their position.

8. Meetings

- 8.1. Committee meetings will be held weekly, at the discretion of the Co-chairpersons.

9. Constitutional Amendments

- 9.1. Any amendment to the constitution must be approved by the Executive Committee as well as the Eldership team of One Hope Church.

10. Recall

10.1. This constitution recalls all previous constitutions of the society.