

TES Constitution

1. Name:

The Society shall be known as Dublin University Entrepreneurial Society (also known as Trinity Entrepreneurial Society)

2. Mission & Objectives:

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to foster an innovative and entrepreneurial spirit among the student body on campus.

The objectives of TES are to provide to our members the following:

- ✚ Provide educational opportunities to foster venture creation
- ✚ Publish and encourage the dissemination of information concerning entrepreneurial matters
- ✚ To provide links between college and the business world
- ✚ To promote a spirit of entrepreneurship amongst Trinity students
- ✚ Hold and promote events to fulfill these objectives

3. Membership: Membership shall be open to all capitated students of the University. Ordinary membership shall be granted to capitated students in return for a subscription, with a suggested range of €2 - € 3, or such other figure as shall be decided by the Committee or at an Annual General Meeting within the limits set by the C.S.C.

Members of staff of the College are also eligible to become members of the Society, provided that they pay the previously stated subscription.

4. The Committee:

The Committee shall consist of the following officers:

Chairperson (or President),
Secretary
Treasurer
PRO & Graphic Designer
Speakers Convenor
Webmaster

Social Secretary
Hamilton Building Officer
2nd Year Committee Member
2nd Year Committee Member
(and a number of ordinary committee members – approx 2).

If any of the above positions after Speakers Convenor is not filled, the committee organizing the AGM can revert the remaining positions to Ordinary Committee Member (OCM) positions for the year.

The role of Vice-chairperson will be added to Either Treasurer or Secretary depending on the year in question. The decision will be taken by the committee at the beginning of each academic year (September). A majority vote of two-thirds is required.

5. The Committee shall meet at least once a month during the academic term
A quorum of half the committee members will be required to allow a motion to be passed or any decisions of general importance made.

6. Officers and Committee members may be removed from office before the completion of their term of office only by no less than a third of all members or half of those members of the Society present at an Extraordinary General Meeting whichever is the lesser (see also below).

7. The Annual General Meeting and General Meetings:

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held within the Hilary Term at the decision of the Committee. A notice shall be publicized through either social media, email, or otherwise to the members not less than five days before the meeting giving the date and time of the meeting and the fact that elections to the Committee will take place thereat.

8. The meeting shall be open to whoever may wish to attend but only full/ordinary members of the Society shall be entitled to vote.

9. At the meeting the officers shall read their reports of the Society's activities for the year, and the election of a new Committee shall take place.

10. A general meeting of the Society may be called by the Committee or by a third of the members of the Society presenting a signed petition to the Committee. Three days notice as provided for in the case of an Annual General Meeting shall be given.

11. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society may be called following the procedure set out above for General Meetings.

12. Candidates for election must be full/ordinary members of the Society, and each candidate must be nominated and seconded by a full/ordinary member of the Society.

13. No one shall be admitted to membership less than five days before an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

14. All AGM elections will be done by a process of secret ballot.

15. The Officers:

The President shall oversee the general running of the Society and shall be answerable to the Committee.

To be elected Chairperson (or President), the candidate must have served one academic year on a previous TES committee to know the running's of the society.

In the case of this requirement not being able to be filled, it will be opened up to ordinary members who have been active society participants.

16. The Secretary shall be responsible for all the correspondence of the Society and shall keep a record of it, and for keeping the minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Committee and to provide the Secretary of the C.S.C. with a record of the Society's activities during their term of office not later than the date set by the C.S.C. for submission of this report, and shall be answerable to the Committee.

17. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all the finances of the Society, for the collection of subscriptions and the maintenance of accounts and shall have the duty of conducting routine communications with the C.S.C. on financial matters including the provision of estimates for expenditure.

18. The Treasurer and the President shall be jointly responsible for the financial affairs of the Society. Although the affairs of the Society shall be in general conducted according to the vote of all of the members of the Committee, if the Committee over-rules the advice of the President and the Treasurer on a major financial matter or the Committee proceeds in the absence of the President and the Treasurer on such a matter, then the President and the Treasurer shall either accept responsibility for the decision, or communicate directly and immediately with the Treasurer of the C.S.C. in which case the Committee shall hold responsibility for the consequences of the decision in question. If only one of the said officers dis-associate himself/herself from the decision, then the other officer shall assume complete responsibility; neither will the officer disassociating himself/herself be forced to accept responsibility by the vote of the Committee or of the Society, though they may be called upon to resign by the due process of the Society in which case such former officer shall bring the case to the notice of the C.S.C.

19. The Treasurer or the President or any persons may be requested to appear before the C.S.C., or officer or sub-committee of the C.S.C. to provide information concerning the finances of the Society. If a prima facie case exists that Society funds have been misused or mis-appropriated, the C.S.C. may ask the Senior Dean to declare the person or persons concerned indebted to the College, in which case they may not be permitted to register for the following academic year or to have their degree conferred.

20. The Treasurer shall close his/her accounts on a date specified by the C.S.C of each year and thereafter as soon as may be possible shall arrange for the accounts to be audited as provided by the C.S.C. and these accounts shall be presented to the Committee of the Society and the C.S.C. for approval.

21. All cheques and withdrawal forms from the Society's bank account shall be signed by two of the designated officers: who shall be the President, the Secretary and Treasurer.

22.

PRO & Graphic Designer is in charge of all the physical aspects of publicity.

The Speakers Convenor organizes speakers throughout the year as part of the TES Talks Speakers Series, and runs the events on the night.

The Webmaster has the ability to maintain and develop the society website. Also controls the society Twitter account for event publicity.

Membership & Fresher Officer will that take the lead on Freshers' Week preparations. Following Freshers' Week, actively encourages 1st year involvement in the society.

The Social Secretary organizes and runs all the receptions for the society. Lends a hand in other society matters also.

The Hamilton Building Officer is the liaison between the Arts Block and the Hamilton Building, who publicizes events in the building and keeps lecturers and students informed on society matters.

2nd Year Committee Member are positions for two first years who are going into second year. They help out in a general sense at the direction of the Chairperson.

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23. The ordinary members of the Committee shall be delegated any other duties by the President\Treasurer as are seen fit.

24. Amendments:

This constitution may be amended by a vote of a majority of those present at an Extraordinary General Meeting or an Annual General Meeting. A majority of two-thirds is required to amend the constitution.

Notices of such amendments must be given to the Committee before the time set for such a General Meeting and to the Chairperson of that meeting before he/she takes the chair.

25. This constitution is binding as and from the date of being approved by both the Society and the C.S.C.

26. The constitution should be updated at least every 4 years, to keep up to date with society evolution and college regulations.