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T.C.D. Korean Society Constitution



Trinity College Dublin
KOREAN SOCIETY

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Preamble

We, the members of T.C.D. Korean Society, in order to promote and encourage interest in Korea and Korean culture, do ordain and establish this Constitution for our members and the C.S.C.

Article I - Name

1. The Society shall be known as T.C.D. Korean Society.

Article II - Purpose

1. To promote Korean culture and to make it accessible and interesting to students and staff of T.C.D. through the organisation of regular events within the university relating to various aspects of Korean culture.

Article III - Membership

1. Membership shall be open to all capitated students and staff of the University. Ordinary membership shall be granted to capitated students in return for a subscription of €2.00 or such other figure as shall be decided by the Committee or Annual General Meeting within the limits set by the C.S.C.

Article IV - The Committee

1. The Committee shall consist of the following officers: the Chairperson, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Public Relations Officer, the Events Officer, the Korean Language and Culture Officer, and 4 Ordinary Committee Members (OCMs), one of which being a First Year Rep.
2. The Committee shall meet once a week during the term. The quorum of the Committee at meetings is the Chairperson or Secretary, and three other Committee members. In the cases where financial decisions are being made, the quorum must consist of the Chairperson, Treasurer, and two more officers.

3. Officers and Committee members may be removed from office before the completion of their term of office only by a 2/3 majority of those members of the Society present at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Article V - The Annual General Meeting and General Meetings

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held between weeks 9 and 12 of Hilary Term. Notice of the AGM must be publicised to the members not less than three days before the meeting giving the date and time of the meeting and the fact that elections to the Committee will take place thereat.
2. The meeting shall be open to all students and members of the academic staff, but only ordinary members of the Society shall be entitled to vote. The current Chairperson will chair the meeting, and in their absence the Treasurer will chair it.
3. 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.
4. A General Meeting of the Society may be called by the Committee or by 60% of 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.
5. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society may be called following the procedure set out above for General Meetings.
6. Candidates for election must be ordinary members of the Society, and each candidate must be nominated and seconded by an ordinary member of the Society.
7. No one shall be admitted to membership less than 24 hours before an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

Article VI - The Officers

1. The Chairperson shall oversee the general running of the Society and shall be answerable to the Committee.
2. The Secretary shall be responsible for all the correspondence of the Society and shall keep a record of it, 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.
3. 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.

4. The Treasurer and the Chairperson 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 Chairperson and the Treasurer on a major financial matter, or the Committee proceeds in the absence of the Chairperson and the Treasurer on such a matter, then the Chairperson 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 themselves from the decision, then the other officer shall assume complete responsibility; neither will the officer disassociating themselves 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.
5. The Treasurer or the Chairperson 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 misappropriated, 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.
6. The Treasurer shall close their accounts on the last day of February 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.
7. The Public Relations Office (PRO) shall be responsible for all the facets of the Society's promotion including the organisation and supervision of the design, printing and distribution of all the Society's printed materials including, but not limited to, posters, membership cards and leaflets.
8. The Events Officer shall be responsible for the organisation, planning, and oversight of the Society's events. This includes making a comprehensive list of all upcoming events for the year, booking rooms, and delegating tasks to appropriate members of the Committee in order to promote, and prepare the events.
9. The Korean Language and Culture Officer shall be the primary point of contact with regards to advising in Korean culture, customs, and language. They will be the primary Officer in facilitating the set-up of Korean language classes during

the academic year. They will advise in the preparation and running of events pertaining to traditional Korean aspects including but not limited to holidays and festivals. The Korean Language and Culture Officer will also liaise with the Secretary as a communicator between the society and external Korean bodies as an advisor, as well as assisting in other tasks such as translation and/or interpretation from Korean to English and vice versa, where possible, as per the needs of the society.

10. All cheques and withdrawal forms from the Society's bank account shall be signed by two of the designated officers: who shall be the Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary.
11. The Ordinary Committee Members shall be delegated any other duties by the Chairperson as are seen fit.
12. The First Year Representative shall be a first-year student in the University and will hold the responsibilities of an Ordinary Committee Member. They will additionally function as one of the main sources of engagement between the Society and other first-years.

Article VII - Amendments

1. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the ordinary members present at an Extraordinary General Meeting or an Annual General Meeting.
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 they take the chair.
2. In the case of disputes arising from any form of disagreement, contradiction, or discrepancy between 2 or more versions of the constitution languages, the English translation of this constitution will always be prevalent above all others. Information in other versions of the constitution, unless supported by the English version, will be null and void of any claims.
3. This constitution is binding as and from the date of being approved by both the Society and the C.S.C.

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