

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society

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Constitution

ARTICLE 1: DEFINITION OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1.1 Name

The name of the Society shall be “Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society of the University of British Columbia” and shall be abbreviated as the “LFS|US”.

Section 1.2 Mission

The Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society is committed to building a sense of community within the Faculty of Land and Food Systems (LFS). The LFS|US mission is to promote, coordinate and direct all official activities of the LFS|US and to facilitate communication amongst all in and associated with the Faculty of Land and Food Systems.

All actions of the Executive and General Council shall move towards a goal of improving student engagement, well-being and overall experience on campus as well as increasing student academic success. The Executive Council and Representatives are elected by the Society to organize activities and ensure that we, as a Faculty, are represented in University affairs, and as students, are represented in Faculty affairs. The Councillors of the General Council are hired to support in achieving this mission.

The objectives of the Constituency shall be to:

- I. coordinate the activities of the LFS|US;
- II. sponsor events and initiatives of general interest to all Members of Society;
- III. promote relations between industry professionals and Members of Society;
- IV. act as a liaison between the Society and the Alma Mater Society;
- V. act in the interest of the Society on campus and in the community;
- VI. maintain the long-standing traditions within the Faculty, in line with the core values of the Faculty and the University which include but are not limited to:
 - A. Wednesday Night Dinners;
 - B. LFS Annual Gala;
 - C. LFS Firsts;
 - D. LFS Welcome Week;
 - E. LFS Week; and
 - F. LFS Health and Wellness Week.
- VII. ensure full and proper student representation for all Members of Society;
- VIII. assist all Members of Society with the orientation and transition into University; and
- IX. provide services promoting the academic, physical, and overall well-being of the Society.

ARTICLE 2. CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY

As the undergraduate student body for the Faculty of Land and Food Systems at the University of British Columbia, the Society is composed of all undergraduate students who are active members of the Alma Mater Society and registered in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems.

Bylaws

BYLAW 1: INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

No part may be interpreted in a sense contrary to the *AMS Constitution, AMS Bylaws, and AMS Code*.

Should ambiguity in interpretation arise, the *AMS Constitution, AMS Bylaws* and/or *AMS Code* shall be followed.

In the Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society Constitution and Bylaws:

- I. **AMS** shall mean the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia - Vancouver.
- II. **Code** shall mean the Code of Procedures of the Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society.
- III. **Constitution** shall refer to the Constitution of the Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society.
- IV. **Councillors** shall mean all members of the General Council who are the Executive Councillors, Voting Councillors, and Non-voting Councillors.
- V. **General Council**, also referred to as Council, shall mean the governing body of the Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society, composed of Executive Councillors, Voting Councillors, and Non-voting Councillors, designated as delegates by the active Members of Society.
- VI. **Executive Council** shall be comprised of the elected Executive Councillors and appointed Executive Council Member
- VII. **Executive Councillors**, also referred to as Executives, shall mean the non-voting Senior Advisor and the voting members of the Council to assist in the direction and execution of the Council's agenda.
- VIII. **Faculty** shall refer to the Faculty of Land and Food Systems of University of British Columbia - Vancouver.
- IX. **LFS|US** shall mean the Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society of the University of British Columbia - Vancouver.
- X. **Members of Society**, also referred to as Members, shall mean all undergraduate students who are active members of the Alma Mater Society and who are registered in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems as an undergraduate student.
- XI. **Non-voting Councillors**, also referred to as Coordinators, shall mean the non-voting members of Council who are appointed by Executive Councillors to assist in the execution of the Council's agenda.
- XII. **Quorum** shall mean the minimum number of members required to be present at a meeting to be valid.
- XIII. **University** shall refer to the University of British Columbia - Vancouver.
- XIV. **Voting Councillors**, also referred to as Representatives, shall mean the voting members of Council who are elected representatives to assist in the execution of the Council's agenda.

BYLAW 2: SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

- I. Qualified and active Members of Society shall be all undergraduate students of the University of British Columbia - Vancouver who:

- A. are registered in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems; and
 - B. have paid their LFS|US student membership fees for the current Academic Year, inclusive of students who are granted student membership fees exemptions.
- II. Membership fees shall be set at a General Meeting or by referendum of the Society and shall be collected in accordance with the UBC Board of Governors resolution concerning student societies.
- III. Members shall cease to be a Member of the Society upon termination of undergraduate status in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems or at the University of British Columbia - Vancouver.
- IV. Members may be expelled by a Two-Thirds Resolution of the Council if in the best interest of the Society and upon expulsion, the former members shall not have their fees refunded.

BYLAW 3: GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA

- I. All Members of Society shall have the right to attend, speak, and vote in Society referenda at General Meetings.
- II. Quorum for a General Meeting shall be:
 - A. 1% of the Members of Society; and
 - B. if the quorum is not reached within 30 minutes of the *Call to Order*, the only official matters that can take place are discussions and/or adjournment.
- III. The Annual General Meeting of the Society (AGM) shall be held at the last meeting of Council at the end of Winter Session, with notice given no less than 21 days prior to the event.
- IV. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) can be called at any date by the President:
 - A. at the request of Council; or
 - B. if a petition signed by 1/3 of the active membership of the Society is received by the Vice President Administration.
- V. Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called 5 to 15 business days:
 - A. after the request of Council is received, and notice of such Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given no less than 24 hours prior; or
 - B. after the petition is received, and notice of such Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given at least 5 business days prior.
- VI. In the event of accidental omission to post notices for Extraordinary General or any Member claiming to not have received such notice, the AMS Bylaws shall be followed.
- VII. A referendum for the Society shall be called by the President:
 - A. upon a Resolution of Council; or
 - B. if a petition signed by 1/3 of the active membership of the Society is received by the Vice President Administration.
- VIII. A referendum shall be called 15 to 30 business days after the petition is received.

BYLAW 4: COUNCIL

- I. The Executive Councillors shall consist of:
 - A. the voting Councillors as elected by the Society:
 - 1. the President;
 - 2. the Vice-President Internal;
 - 3. the Vice-President External;
 - 4. the Vice-President Engagement;
 - 5. the Vice-President Finance;

6. the Vice-President Administration;
 7. the Vice-President Communications;
 8. the Vice-President Student Life;
 9. the Vice-President Academic;
 10. the AMS Representative;
- B. and the non-voting Councillor as appointed by the President:
1. the Senior Advisor.
- II. The General Council shall be comprised of:
- A. the non-voting Councillors who shall consist of, but are not limited to:
1. the Development Coordinator;
 2. the First Year Committee Members;
 3. the Associate Vice-President External
 4. the Case Competitions Coordinators;
 5. the Partnerships Coordinator;
 6. the Student Benefits Coordinator;
 7. the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinators;
 8. the Sustainability Coordinators;
 9. the Wednesday Night Dinner Manager;
 10. the Wednesday Night Dinner Volunteer & Finance Coordinator;
 11. the Wednesday Night Dinner Shift Leaders;
 12. the Elections Coordinator;
 13. the Elections Committee Members;
 14. the Lounge and Apparel Coordinator;
 15. the Governance Coordinator;
 16. the Graphic Designer;
 17. the Social Media Coordinator;
 18. the Webmaster;
 19. the Photographer;
 20. the Associate Vice-President Student Life (Annual Events)
 21. the Associate Vice-President Student Life (Socials)
 22. the Social Coordinators;
 23. the Athletic Coordinators;
 24. the LFS Week Coordinators;
 25. the LFS Gala Coordinators;
 26. the Graduation Coordinators;
 27. the Associate Vice-President Academic;
 28. the Health and Wellness Coordinators;
- B. the voting Councillors as elected by the Society:
1. the First Year Representatives;
 2. the Applied Biology Representative;
 3. the Food, Nutrition and Health Representative;
 4. the Global Resource System Representative;
 5. the Food and Resource Economics Representative;
- C. and the Executive Councillors, as outlined above.

BYLAW 5: CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Society may be amended in accordance with *The Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society Constitution and Bylaws Amendment Procedure*.

BYLAW 6: LIABILITIES

- I. The LFS|US shall assume no liability for damages suffered, be the bodily harm, property damage and/or property loss, by any participant in any of the events sponsored by or sanctioned by the Society.
- II. The Society shall assume no responsibility for any damages incurred directly or indirectly by the actions of a member of the Society unless such action has been approved by the Society.

BYLAW 7: AUTHORITY, INTERPRETATION, AND AMENDMENTS OF THE CODE OF PROCEDURES

- I. The LFS|US Code of Procedures shall:
 - A. outline proper functioning of the Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society;
 - B. be interpreted by voting Councillors; and
 - C. be amended by a two-thirds resolution of voting Councillors.



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