SALFORD UNIVERSITY MOUNAINEERING CLUB CONSTITUTION

University of Salford Students' Union – 2017/18

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The following outlines the policies which societies and sports clubs, collectively known as student groups, must adhere to in order to affiliate to the Students' Union for the 2018/19 academic year. This draft was approved for use by the Societies and Sports Student Executive on Thursday 24th May 2018.

1) Group Name

a) The student group, activity or sport, shall be called Salford University Mountaineering Club; an organisation within the Students' Union.

2) Aims and Objective

1. Match or exceed current student membership of 68.
2. Run Scottish winter mountaineering trip.
3. Empower members, both new and returning, to improve their skills.

3) Membership

a) Membership of the group is open to all University of Salford students, members of Alumni, and staff.
b) Staff must not make up more than 10% of the group.
c) Current students at the University of Salford must make up at least 80% of the membership. No more than 20% of the membership can be made up of staff or alumni.
d) Should the group exceed this quota, they will no longer be eligible for funding opportunities from the Union.
e) Students' Union sabbatical officers are considered honorary members of the group, however retain no voting rights and cannot stand on committees.
f) All groups will have a membership fee, of which part will go to the Union to assist with running costs. The minimum sum of which is decided by the Activity/Sport Student Executive.
g) A minimum membership of ten paid members is required to be deemed functional By the Students' Union. Any group which does not attain this can be dissolved by the Activity/Sport Executive in accordance with the by-laws.

4) Rights of Members

a) All paid members of the group may take advantage of all the activities and privileges arranged for the group. Only paid members may conduct business on behalf of the group, vote for or hold official positions.

b) Non-members may be admitted to the meetings and functions of the group at the discretion of the committee but they shall not enjoy the privileges of full members.

c) All paid student members are eligible to stand.

5) The Committee

a) The committee shall be made up of at least four member's fulfilling the following roles:

   i) Chairperson

   ii) Secretary

   iii) Treasurer

   iv) Wellbeing Officer

b) The club may add any other committee roles at their discretion

c) All members must adhere to the specific guidelines for their roles, and the activity or sport group handbook, respectively.

d) The committee will be responsible for arranging a programme of activities compatible with the aims and objectives of this Constitution and incurring expenditure to this end only. All members of the committee are equal and any activity put on by the committee must be inclusive for all paid members.

e) All committee members retail equal and independent voting rights.

f) All committee members are considered volunteer elected officers, and as such should adhere to the Elected Officers Code of Conduct.

6) Annual General Meeting

a) The Annual General Meeting of the group shall take place during Semester 2 of each year when all the general business will be transacted. At this meeting, a Committee shall be elected for the following academic year. Current officers' will report on the past year's development and finances. Notice of such a meeting will be given one week in advance, in accordance with the Annual General Meeting guidelines.

b) Date, time, location of the AGM should be announced to USSU and the group's members at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

7) Election of Committee

a) The group shall have a committee of elected paid members. These are to be elected in Semester 2 after the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the election by-laws and Annual General meeting guide.

b) Elections are held for positions beginning on 1st June that year.

c) Details of the date nominations open and close must be given to members at least 2 weeks before voting takes place. This should include guidance on how people can nominate themselves and what they should prepare.

d) All positions are to be voted on by paid members of the group. The process for voting is to be determined by the Societies and Sports Student Executive, and Union Council.

e) Following the election, the departing committee must give a handover to the newly elected committee before leaving their post

8) Removal of Committee Members and By-Elections

a) A committee member may be removed from office and a by-election held if:

i) They tender their resignation.

ii) They cease to be an ordinary member of the Union.

iii) A vote of no confidence is passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting to remove the member from office, in accordance with the Extraordinary General Meeting by-laws and guidelines.

iv) They are removed from position by USSU following investigation, in accordance with Union policy and by-laws.

9) Extraordinary General Meeting

a) Extraordinary general Meetings may be called at any time by the committee or by written request of 20% of the members. The exact nature of business to be transacted must be stated by the Secretary of the group. Not less than one working day's notice shall be given in official notices and such notice shall include the business to be considered, the time, the date and the place of the meeting.

b) Meetings must take place in accordance to the Extraordinary General Meeting guidelines and by-laws.

10) Committee Meetings

a) Committee meetings shall be held at least once every 2 months and be called by the Chair and three member of the Committee. The Secretary is to inform each committee member of the date, time and venue of the meeting.

b) The Students' Union Sabbatical officers may attend any meeting and speak, however shall not have the right to partake in any vote(s).

11) Quorum

a) The quorum for the A.G.M & E.G.M. shall be 10% of the group's members. The quorum for Committee members shall be three, at least one of whom should be the Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary.

b) There shall be no quorum for other meetings or activities.

12) Societies and Sports Student Executive

a) All student groups are subject to review and guidance by the Societies and Sports Student Executive, and by default, Union Council.

13) Affiliation

a) The group is not to have an affiliation to any outside body without prior consent of the Union. This includes sponsorship contacts, both financial and otherwise.

14) Finance

a) The group shall have one finance account which is maintained with the Union. Any group found to have an external finance account will be subject to disciplinary procedures by the Student Executive, up to and including liquidation.

15) Constitutional Amendments

a) The only amendments which can be made to the constitution are to the group name, and the aims and objectives.

b) Any amendments must be carried out by a two-thirds majority of an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting, and then ratified by the Activity/Sport Executive.

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17) Committee Agreement

a) By signing the below, the committee commits to adhering to the constitution and its by-laws. They commit to achieving their aims and objectives in the 2017/18 academic year, and meeting the minimum requirements to be considered a student group by the University of Salford Students' Union. (Make sure you add any additional committee members.)

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Co-Chair	Dan McCaffrey	[redacted]	27/6/18
Co-Chair	Ben Delaney		27/6/18
Treasurer	Charlotte Oakley		27/6/18
Trip Secretary	Matt Jones		27/6/18
Health and Wellbeing Officer	Mary Jane Jones		27/6/18
Equipment Secretary	Chad Rawsterne		27/6/18
Kit/Apparel Secretary	Helen Findlay		27/6/18
Social Secretary	Chris Clark		27/6/18
Competition Secretary	Jhan Nikolo Elchico		27/6/18
General Member	Kaidi Luo		27/6/18

Signed for and on behalf of the University of Salford Students' Union

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Club Sport Coordinator	Emily Wilkes	[redacted]	