



Schedules review – Schedule 1: Membership of the Students’ Association

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SCHEDULE 1: MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Association works for the benefit of its members who are at the core of the Association as a membership organisation. This schedule sets out the different types of membership as well as their different rights and responsibilities.

1.2 The Cross-campus President shall lead on the interpretation of the byelaw in the absence of the Board of Trustees.

2. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

2.1 There shall be the following types of membership of the Students’ Association:

- Student Members
- Company Law Members
- Associate Members

3. BECOMING A MEMBER

3.1 The Student Members shall be as follows:

- a) Each and every Student who has not opted out by notifying the University Secretary or the Association of their wish not to be a Student Member
- b) Cross-campus Officers

3.2 The Company Law Members shall be as follows:

- a) Each and every trustee of the Students’ Association upon becoming a Trustee.



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3.3 The Associate Members shall be as follows:

- a) Has successfully applied for membership in accordance with the Associate Membership Procedure.
- b) Has paid relevant association membership fees.

4. RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Student Members shall be entitled to:

- a) Engage with the Association's democratic functions.
- b) Utilise the social facilities administered by the Association.
- c) Access the services and support facilities provided by the Association.
- d) Join registered student groups (Sport Clubs and Societies) subject to the conditions of membership of such groups.
- e) Engage in the democratic functions of student groups of which they are members.
- f) Represent the organisation in competitive sport including, but not limited to, BUCS competitions subject to qualification conditions of each sporting body.
- g) Be represented by the Association on academic issues and any other relevant issues that arise as a result of their student status.
- h) Attend Company Law Meetings as observers at the invitation of the Chair.

4.2 Company Law Members shall be entitled to:

- a) Participate in Company Law meetings subject to their rules and regulations.
- b) Utilise the social facilities administered by the Association.
- c) Access the publicly available services provided by the Association (unless otherwise stated).
- d) Join registered student groups (Sport Clubs and Societies) subject to the conditions of non-student membership of such groups and the approval of their committee.

4.3 Associate Members shall be entitled, subject to payment of associate fees, to:

- a) Utilise the social facilities administered by the Association.
- b) Access the publicly available services provided by the Association (unless otherwise stated).
- c) Join registered student groups (Sports Clubs and Societies) subject to the conditions of Associate membership of such groups and the approval of their committee.
- d) Attend Company Law Meetings as observers at the invitation of the Chair.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP



5.1 All types of membership shall be subject to the Articles, Schedules and Policies of the Students' Association including the Code of Conduct.

6. CEASING TO BE A MEMBER

6.1 Student Members shall cease to be members if:

- a) They cease to be a student. For the avoidance of doubt, this will include the situation where a Student Member's Student status with the University of the Highlands and Islands or any of its Academic Partners is revoked.
- b) They cease to be a Cross-campus Officer.
- c) They opt out of Student Membership in accordance with clause 7 of this schedule.
- d) A decision is made to remove them from Student Membership of the Association in accordance with the Code of Conduct or Schedule 7: Disciplinary Procedure for Members.

6.2 Company Law Members shall cease to be members if:

- a) They cease to be a Trustee of the Students' Association.

6.3 Associate Members shall cease to be members if:

- a) They cease to pay relevant associate membership fees.
- b) A decision is made to remove them from associate membership of the Association in accordance with the Code of Conduct or Disciplinary procedure for Members.

6.4 All memberships are not transferable and shall cease on death.

7. STUDENTS WHO OPT OUT OF MEMBERSHIP

7.1 Every student shall have the right to:

- a) Not to be a member of the Association; and
- b) Signify that they do not wish to be represented by a representative body.

7.2 Every student who has exercised their right, as outlined in clause 7, shall not be unfairly disadvantaged, with regard to the provision of Association services or otherwise, by reason of having done so.

7.3 Any student who has exercised their right, as outlined in clause 7, shall not be permitted to engage with the democratic governance structures of the Association.



7.4 A Student Member may withdraw their membership through notification in writing, including virtual communications, to the Cross-campus President.

8. STUDENT DATA SHARING

8.1 The Association operates a data sharing agreement with UHI. This asks students to opt out to sharing their data with the Association. This is how the Association determines whether an individual is entitled to Student Membership.

8.2 Any student can choose to not opt in to sharing their data with the Association. This will not be seen as an indication of them exercising their rights under clause 7.

8.3 Any student who does not opt in to sharing their data with the Association shall still be entitled to being a Student Member but will have limited access to our online services until the Association can confirm their student status.