



**University of Southampton Students' Union**  
**Constitution of:**

**The University of Southampton English Society**

**1. Adoption of the Constitution**

This unincorporated association and its property shall be managed and administered in accordance with this Constitution and its By-Laws.

**2. Name**

This association's name shall be, 'The University of Southampton English Society', commonly referred to as 'EngSoc', and hereinafter 'the Society'.

**3. Objects**

The objectives of the Society, 'objects', are:

- (1) Building a community for every English student by providing social, cultural, and sporting pursuits.
- (2) Supporting its members by providing pastoral support.
- (3) Being a safe, welcoming and enjoyable environment free from discrimination and prejudice in whose activities all may participate fully.

**4. Membership**

- (1) Membership shall be open to natural persons, and is not transferable to anyone else.
- (2) Membership shall be constituted in three categories:
  - (a) Full Members  
The following persons shall be Full members of the Society on payment of the appropriate membership fee: all registered students of the University; all Sabbatical Officers of the Students' Union.
  - (b) Associate Members  
The following persons shall be Associate members of the Society on payment of the appropriate membership fee: all members of staff of the University or Students' Union; such other persons as the Society may from time to time decide.

(c) Honorary Members

This category of membership may be awarded to such persons as the Society decides as a recognition of outstanding service to the Society or its members.

- (3) All Full members of the Society shall enjoy the following rights:
- (a) Attending and speaking at General Meetings of the Society;
  - (b) Voting and standing as a candidate for office at General Meetings of the Society;
  - (c) Participating fully in all activities of the Society.
- (4) Associate and Honorary members shall enjoy the rights specified in (3).(c) automatically, and in (3).(a) by invitation.
- (5) All members of the Society shall be obliged to act in accordance with this Constitution and its By-Laws, and revocation of membership in whole or in part without reimbursal of fees may ensue from any contravention of this, in accordance with the By-Laws.

**5. General Meetings**

- (1) The Society shall hold a General Meeting annually, or at the discretion of its members or the Officers, in accordance with the By-Laws.
- (2) A General Meeting shall be the governing body of the Society, subject to this Constitution and its By-Laws.
- (3) A General Meeting may elect the Officers of the Society.

**6. Officers**

- (1) There shall be an elected President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other Officers of the Society as defined in the By-Laws.
- (2) The Officers shall be required to act upon any decision relating to the business of the Society taken by a General Meeting, provided that such a decision is in accordance with this Constitution and its By-Laws.
- (3) The Officers shall have such powers and responsibilities as are delegated by this Constitution and its By-Laws.
- (4) The Officers may be removed from office in accordance with the By-Laws.

**7. Finances**

- (1) The Officers shall be jointly liable for the proper management of the Society's finances.
- (2) The income and property of the Society must be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects.

- (3) The Officers shall be entitled to be reimbursed from and indemnified out of the property of the Society, and may pay out of such property only for reasonable expenses properly incurred by him or her when acting on behalf of the Society.
- (4) Accounts of the Society's income, property, and expenditure shall be maintained by the Treasurer.

**8. The Constitution and the By-Laws**

- (1) A General Meeting may amend any provision contained in this Constitution in accordance with the By-Laws.
- (2) Subject to this Constitution there shall be By-Laws, which shall determine questions of structure and procedure relating to the Society. No By-Law shall be inconsistent with, or shall affect or repeal anything contained in, this Constitution. A General Meeting may create, amend, or repeal By-Laws. The Officers may also create, amend, or repeal By-Laws, but these must be submitted to the next General Meeting and shall remain effective and binding only if then approved by the General Meeting.
- (3) A General Meeting may dissolve the Society in accordance with the By-Laws.

**9. Interpretation**

- (1) Throughout this Constitution and its By-Laws the definitions and descriptions contained in the By-Laws shall be interpreted, except where context requires otherwise.
- (2) The interpretation of this Constitution and its By-Laws shall be with the President. A General Meeting may revise any interpretation so made in accordance with the By-Laws.

A General Meeting of the Society Adopted this Constitution:

Date

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President

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The Students' Union Approved this Constitution:

Date

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Student Groups Officer

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