**Constitution of Otago Computing Students Society (OCSS)**

**1. NAME OF CLUB**

1.1.The name of the Club shall be the OUSA Otago Computing Students Society

(OCSS)

**2. DEFINITION AND INTERPRETATION**

2.1. ‘OUSA’ refers to the Otago University Students' Association Inc.

2.2. ‘The Club’ refers to the OUSA Otago Computing Students Society (OCSS)

2.3. “The rules of OUSA” refers to the OUSA Constitution and Policy or resolutions

as set by the SGM, referenda, or the OUSA Executive.

2.4. Ordinary Resolution refers to a motion requiring a majority positive vote to pass.

2.5. Special Resolution refers to a motion requiring a two-thirds majority positive vote

to pass.

2.6. The Club Committee shall, subject only to the OUSA Executive, be the sole

authority for the interpretation of these rules. The decisions of the Club

Committee shall be binding, subject only to the right of appeal to the OUSA

Executive.

2.7. These rules are to be read in conjunction with the OUSA Affiliation policy.

2.8. This constitution is subject to the rules of the OUSA and shall be void and of no

effect to the extent of their conflict with the rules of OUSA.

**3. OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB**

3.1. The objectives of the Club shall not, in any significant way, contradict the

objectives of the OUSA.

• The objectives of the club shall be: To provide a platform for networking and

career development for computing students, and to host a range of social and professional development events for these students.

**4. POWERS OF OUSA WITH RESPECT TO THE CLUB**

4.1. Affiliation to the OUSA shall not limit or affect the rights and powers of OUSA or any of its committees in respect of any matter.

4.2. The OUSA Executive may, at any time, by ordinary resolution:

4.2.1. Inspect the Club’s financial records, asset register, and membership list;

4.2.2. Appoint a committee to conduct an examination of the affairs of the Club

and to report thereafter to the OUSA Executive;

4.2.3. Convene a Special General Meeting of the Club for any purpose;

4.2.4. Appoint a temporary Club Committee to replace the regular Club

Committee for such time, and with such powers, as the OUSA Executive

may determine;

4.2.5. Disaffiliate the Club.

**5. POWERS OF THE CLUB**

5.1. The Club is not formed for the pecuniary gain of its members.

5.1.1. The Club may make payment as reasonable remuneration to any

servant or officer of The Club or the payment of reasonable expense to an authorised representative or delegate of the Club.

5.1.2. Reasonable remuneration shall not exceed market rates for the provision of equivalent goods or services.

**6. AFFILIATION**

6.1. The Club shall be affiliated with the OUSA.

6.2. The Club and its members present and future shall be bound by the rules of the

OUSA, and every such Club and all such members shall be so bound in all

respects. Where the OUSA constitution is not expressly mentioned in the

constitution of the Club, the provisions of the OUSA constitution shall be read

into the document.

6.3. The Club’s affiliation to the OUSA shall automatically lapse if The Club fails or

ceases to comply with the OUSA Affiliation Policy or Section 18 of the OUSA

Constitution and Rules.

6.4. The Club shall not become affiliated to or in any way connected with any other

organisation without the consent of the OUSA Executive.

6.4.1. Any affiliation to any other body entered into without the OUSA

Executive's consent shall be null and void.

6.4.2. The Club is also affiliated with the University of Otago School of Computing.

**7. LIABILITIES INCURRED BY THE CLUB**

7.1. The Club shall not enter into any loan agreement of a value greater than

NZ$1000 without approval by ordinary resolution of the OUSA Executive.

7.2. OUSA shall not be responsible for any liabilities or debts incurred by the Club.

**8. MEMBERSHIP**

8.1. The Club shall, in normal circumstances, have no less than 90% of total

membership comprised of OUSA/OPSA members.

8.2. The Club shall in normal circumstances have no less than ten members.

8.3. Membership of the Club shall be open to all members of OUSA/OPSA.

8.4. Membership can be restricted to a subsection of OUSA/OPSA members

provided that the restrictions do not contravene the laws of New Zealand.

8.5. Persons shall become members of the Club when an application for membership

is given in writing to the Club Committee and accompanied with the annual

subscription fee (if applicable).

8.6. The Club shall only levy upon its members such fees or subscriptions as have

been ratified by the AGM of the Club.

8.7. Any member of the Club who does not pay any required subscription within one

calendar month of joining shall not be permitted to exercise the privileges of

membership until the subscription is paid.

8.8. Membership shall be deemed to continue until a formal resignation is received

by the Club Committee.

8.9. A club member may not be suspended or expelled unless the committee

resolves to do so by special resolution.

8.9.1. The suspended member will be relieved of any powers and

responsibilities and is not permitted to attend club activities.

8.9.2. A special general meeting must be called within three months to expel

the member or the suspension lapses.

8.10. The following procedure must be used to expel a club member:

8.10.1. Written notice of any meeting regarding the expulsion and of the basic

allegations and charges against the member must be received in

person 30 days prior to the meeting taking place.

8.10.2. That a special general meeting is called which the member to be

expelled may attend in person, or submit in written form, grounds for

his or her defence.

8.10.3. The motion to expel a club member must be passed by special

resolution.

8.10.4. That the member is informed in writing of the decision of the meeting

and the length of his or her expulsion.

8.11. Where a member of the Club is expelled, that member shall have the right of

appeal to the OUSA Executive.

**9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

9.1. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club shall be held during the month

of October at such time and place as the Club Committee shall decide.

9.2. The AGM shall be held for the following purposes:

9.2.1. To receive, from the Club Committee, a report of the proceedings of the

previous year and a statement of the Club accounts;

9.2.2. To elect the officers of the Club Committee for the following year;

9.2.3. To conduct any general business.

9.3. The President, or in their absence any member appointed by the

meeting, shall be chair of the meeting.

9.4. Every motion shall be moved by one Club member and seconded by another.

9.5. Every member present shall be entitled to one vote,

9.5.1. In the case of an equality of votes the Chair shall have a second or

casting vote.

9.6. The quorum shall be 20 per cent of the Club's total members or 6 members,

whichever is greater.

9.7. At least 14 days notice of the AGM shall be given to all members, by posting a

notice on the OUSA notice board and/or OCSS Committee Facebook page.

9.7.1. The notice shall include an agenda of business to be conducted at the

AGM.

**10. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS AND NO CONFIDENCE VOTES**

10.1. The Club Committee on their own behalf or on the signed request of a quorum

of members may at any time call a Special General Meeting.

10.1.1. If the Club Committee does not call a meeting within 14 days of

receiving such a request, the requestors may themselves call a

Special General Meeting.

10.1.2. Notice of a Special General Meeting shall be given in the manner

described above for an AGM.

10.2. The conduct, voting procedures and quorum of a Special General Meeting shall

be the same as those prescribed for the AGM.

10.3. At any Special General Meeting a motion of no confidence in the Club

Committee, or any member thereof, may be passed by special resolution

provided that 14 days notice of such intention has been given.

10.3.1. On the passing of such motion, the Committee member shall be

deemed to have resigned and the meeting shall then have the power

to, and may proceed to, elect a new Committee member to the vacant

position (s).

10.3.2. Such new member shall hold office until the next AGM.

**11. CLUB OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

11.1. The management and control of the Club shall be deputed to the officers of the

club who represent the Committee of the Club.

11.2. The Committee of the Club shall consist of a maximum of 12 people, being

comprised of a minimum of a president, secretary and treasurer. Other committee members could be but are not limited to a vice president, communications officer, event officer, welfare officer, ’Comp Girls’ representative and general members, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and if not, then should be elected in a Special General Meeting.

11.2.1 The Comp Girls Representative shall be a current Comp Girls Leader,

or an appointee of the current Comp Girls leadership.

11.3. Every candidate for office shall be nominated at the meeting by one member of

the Club and seconded by another.

11.4. Every member present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote.

11.5. In the event of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes, the

chair of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

11.6. The Club Officers shall hold office for one year following their appointment or

until an officer resigns.

11.6.1. Such resignation shall be effective immediately upon receipt in writing

by the committee.

11.6.2. If a vacancy on the Club Committee occurs during the year, providing

that a quorum remains, the Club Committee may appoint any member to fill such a vacancy, unless it has occured due to a no confidence vote.

11.6.3. If a vacancy occurs due to a no confidence vote then section 10 of this

constitution applies.

**12. THE CLUB COMMITTEE**

12.1. The Club Committee shall have full power at its meetings to deal with all

matters relating to the objectives of the Club.

12.1.1. Any matters relating to the interpretation of these rules;

12.1.2. Except where power is vested in the Club at a general meeting.

12.2. All decisions shall be valid and binding on the members, only so far as they do

not conflict with these rules, the rules of OUSA, or decisions of the OUSA Executive.

12.3. The Club Committee shall meet at such times as it deems fit.

12.4. The President, or in their absence, any member appointed by the Club

Committee, shall, in the case of an equality of votes, have a second or casting vote at all Club Committee meetings.

12.5. The quorum for Club Committee meetings shall be at least 5 Club Committee

members.

12.6. One member of the Club Committee shall be elected to represent the Club on

the OUSA Affiliated Clubs Council.

**13. FINANCE, PROPERTY AND RECORDS OF THE CLUB**

13.1. The funds of the Club shall be in the control of the Club Committee, which will

depute the treasurer to manage them.

13.2. The treasurer shall also:

13.2.1. Keep a true record and account of all the receipts and payments of

the Club including bank statements;

13.2.2. Prepare the statement of accounts and balance sheet for the financial

year;

13.2.3. Keep the Club’s asset register up to date.

13.3. The secretary shall:

13.3.1. Keep a true record and account of the proceedings and meetings of

the Club and the Club Committee;

13.3.2. Keep a correct and up to date membership list;

13.3.3. Conduct and archive all correspondence relating to the club.

**14. DISAFFILIATION OF THE CLUB FROM OUSA**

14.1. A club may disaffiliate from OUSA at any time by notifying the CDO in writing.

14.1.1. Such notification will provide reasons for why the club is disaffiliating

from OUSA.

14.1.2. Notification will be provided by supplying the Club’s AGM Minutes to

that effect.

**15. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB**

15.1. If the club’s committee members are unable to be contacted using all possible

means for a period of six months the club will be deemed to be dissolved.

15.2. Upon dissolution of the Club:

15.2.1. All funds remaining after debts have been cleared will be distributed to

the School of Computing.

15.2.2. All assets will be distributed to the School of Computing.

**16. AMENDMENT OF THIS CONSTITUTION**

16.1. Proposed amendments to the constitution of the Club must be approved by the

OUSA Finance and Services Officer prior to ratification at the Club’s General

Meeting.

16.2. These rules can only be added to, repealed or amended by special resolution

at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Club, provided that no resolution shall be deemed to have passed unless:

16.2.1. 14 days notice of the proposed amendment has been given;

16.2.2. Once ratified at a General meeting of the Club, the new constitution

must be submitted to the OUSA executive and approved by ordinary

resolution.