

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY EVANGELICAL STUDENTS
C/- Adelaide University Union, University of Adelaide
ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5000

CONSTITUTION OF THE A.U.E.S. (AMENDED OCTOBER 2016)

Clause 1: Name

The name of the group shall be the Adelaide University Evangelical Students

Clause 2: Definitions

Hereinafter;

- 2.1 "E.S." shall mean the Adelaide University Evangelical Students.
- 2.2 "A.U.U." shall mean the Adelaide University Union.
- 2.3 "A.F.E.S." shall mean the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students.
- 2.4 "G.C." shall mean the Governing committee of the E.S.
- 2.5 "E.C." shall mean the Executive Committee of the E.S.

Clause 3: Doctrinal Basis

- 3.1 The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture as originally given, and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- 3.2 The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
- 3.3 The universal sinfulness and guilt of humanity since the fall, rendering men and women subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- 3.4 The conception of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit and his birth by the Virgin Mary.
- 3.5 Redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death, as our representative and substitute, of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God.
- 3.6 The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- 3.7 The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective in the individual sinner, granting him or her repentance towards God, and faith in Jesus Christ.
- 3.8 The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
- 3.9 The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Clause 4: Objectives

- 4.1 Personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.
- 4.2 Personal growth in godliness.
- 4.3 Personal witness at home and abroad.

Clause 5: Affiliation

- 5.1 The E.S. shall be affiliated with the A.F.E.S and registered with the A.U.U
- 5.2 As stipulated in the Constitution of the A.F.E.S., the representative of the E.S. on the General Committee of the A.F.E.S. shall be the President. In the event of the inability of the President to attend a meeting of the General Committee of the A.F.E.S., another member appointed by the E.C. shall attend.

Clause 6: Membership

- 6.1 Membership of the E.S. is open to all students enrolled at the University of Adelaide who sign a declaration of the doctrinal basis of the E.S. annually.

- 6.2 Associate Membership of the E.S. is open to students of any other university in Adelaide who sign a declaration of the doctrinal basis of the E.S. annually.
- 6.3 Members and Associate Members are eligible to vote at any meeting of the E.S. and to be members of the EC and GC.
- 6.4 A record shall be kept of all members with address, faculty and date of entry into membership.
- 6.5 The G.C. shall have authority to expel any person from membership for good and proper reason after prayerful consideration. The person so expelled shall be notified by the Secretary within 7 days of such expulsion.

Clause 7: Committee Structure

- 7.1 The E.C. shall consist of the President, up to 2 Vice-presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer and any other members as the E.C. sees fit.
- 7.2 The G.C. shall consist of the E.C., Bible Study Group leaders, team leaders and any other members as the G.C. sees fit.
- 7.3 All E.C. resolutions require agreement of a majority of E.C. members.
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Clause 8: Powers and Duties of the Committees

- 8.1 The Committees shall have the power to conduct activities in the name of the E.S.
- 8.2 The E.C. shall be responsible for the arranged activities of the E.S.
- 8.3 The E.C. shall at all times be subject to the decisions of the G.C.
- 8.4 The E.C. shall have the power to make regulations under this Constitution provided such regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution, especially Clauses 3 and 4 herein.
- 8.5 The G.C. shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy created during its term of office, following the Annual General Meeting, subject to ratification by the next General Meeting of the E.S.
- 8.6 The E.C. shall meet at least fortnightly during the academic year and the G.C. at least once a term.

Clause 9: General Meetings

- 9.1 General Meetings of the E.S. shall be convened by the Secretary and shall be held:-
- 9.1.1 when called by the President
 - 9.1.2 at such times as either committee sees fit.
 - 9.1.3 within 10 academic days of receipt by the Secretary of a written request from 15 members of the E.S., 10 of whom must be in attendance at the subsequent General Meeting.
- 9.2 General Meetings of the E.S. shall be held to discuss any business duly brought before such meetings.
- 9.3 The quorum for any General Meeting of the E.S. shall be one quarter of the members of the E.S.

Clause 10: Annual General Meeting

- 10.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the end of the academic year for the following purposes:
- 10.1.1 to receive reports including an audited Treasurer's report and a President's report for the year's activities;
 - 10.1.2 to conduct elections for the E.C.;
 - 10.1.3 to discuss other business duly brought before the meeting.
- 10.2 Nominations for the E.C. shall be in the hands of the Secretary 7 days before the election date. Candidates for election shall be voting members of the E.S. and nominated by 2 other voting members.
- 10.3 In the event of insufficient nominations being received at the Annual General Meeting, the G.C. shall have the power to fill any vacancy by co-option, subject to ratification by the next General Meeting of the E.S.

- 10.4 Voting for the elections at the Annual General Meeting shall be by secret ballot.
- 10.5 Two returning officers shall be appointed for the purpose of conduction of the elections at the Annual General Meeting.
- 10.6 Committee members shall cease to remain in office upon:-
 - 10.6.1 not remaining in agreement with the objects and doctrinal basis as stated in Clause 3 of this Constitution;
 - 10.6.2 not remaining in membership of the E.S.

Clause 11: Principles of the E.S.

- 11.1 No joint activities shall be arranged with anybody that does not uphold the truths stated in the doctrinal basis of the E.S., except where the G.C. concerned is satisfied that the doctrinal basis is not compromised in any way.
- 11.2 No speaker shall be asked to take part in any meetings of the E.S. who does not uphold the truths stated in the doctrinal basis of the E.S.
- 11.3 The financial policy of the E.S. shall be that the E.S. relies upon God for the necessary finance to carry out His work, and that no debt shall be incurred. While prayer shall be made to God, the responsibility shall be placed before the members.
- 11.4 The Treasurer shall receive all monies and shall disburse the same for, or on account of the E.S. He or she shall deposit such funds in a bank account opened in the name of the E.S. and operated by at least 2 members of the E.C.
- 11.5 An auditor shall be nominated by the E.C. of the E.S. to audit the E.S.' books for the G.C.'s term of office.
- 11.6 The assets and income of E.S. shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above-mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of E.S. except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of E.S.
- 11.7 In the event of E.S. being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members.

Clause 12: Interpretation of Constitution

- 12.1 The interpretation of this Constitution shall lie with the E.C.
- 12.2 In the event of a situation arising not covered by this Constitution, the E.C. shall act in whatever way it considers to be in the best interest of the E.S. Such actions shall be subject to confirmation at a General Meeting of the E.S.

Clause 13: Alteration of Constitution

This Constitution shall only be altered with the sanction of the G.C. and subsequent approval by a three-quarters majority of members present and voting at the Annual/General Meeting. Members shall be notified of any proposed alteration at least 14 days before the Annual/General Meeting at which it is to be submitted for approval.