

FLINDERS EVANGELICAL STUDENTS – CONSTITUTION

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1. NAME:

1.1. There shall be a FLINDERS EVANGELICAL STUDENTS hereinafter known as the FLINDERS E.S.

2. DEFINITIONS:

2.1. In this Constitution unless the contrary opinion appears:

- Committee means the Committee of Management of the FLINDERS E.S.;
- General Meeting means a general meeting of members of the FLINDERS E.S. convened in accordance with this Constitution;
- Member means a member of the FLINDERS E.S.;
- The University means Flinders University, South Australia
- AFES means the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students.
- FUSA means the Flinders University Student Association.
- Enrolled Student/s means any student/s with a Valid Flinders University Student ID number.

3. MISSION, AIMS AND DOCTRINAL BASIS

3.1. The Mission of the FLINDERS E.S. shall be:-

‘Knowing Jesus. Loving Jesus. Making Jesus known.’

3.2 The aims of the FLINDERS E.S. shall be:-

Prayerfully relying on God, and loving one another we will:

- 1. Share the Gospel with students and call them to trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord.**
- 2. Grow together towards maturity in Christ by learning from the Bible.**
- 3. Equip students and graduates to be faithfully serving Jesus on campus and in our churches, Australia and the world.**

...To the glory of God!

3.3 The doctrinal basis of the FLINDERS E.S. is:

1. The divine inspiration, trustworthiness, and infallibility of Holy Scripture as originally given, its entire sufficiency for our knowledge of God, and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
2. The sovereignty of God in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
3. The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
4. The universal sinfulness and guilt of all people since the fall, rendering them subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
5. The conception of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, and His birth by the Virgin Mary.
6. The undeserved love of God which finds its ultimate expression in 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.
7. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and his ascension to the right hand of God the Father.
8. The justification of the sinner only by the grace of God through faith alone.
9. The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the work of Christ effective in the individual sinner, granting him/her repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus.
10. The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
11. The one holy universal Church which is the body of Christ and to which all true believers belong.
12. The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3.4. In order to achieve these aims and to promote the core beliefs of this doctrinal basis, the FLINDERS E.S. shall hold at least two activities in each semester apart from the Annual General Meeting and any General Meetings.

3.5. The FLINDERS E.S. will seek to align its doctrinal basis with the AFES doctrinal basis.

3.6. The assets and income of the FLINDERS E.S. shall be applied solely in furtherance of the abovementioned aims, and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the FLINDERS E.S. except as bona fide compensation or honoraria for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the FLINDERS E.S..

4. MEMBERSHIP:

4.1. All Enrolled Students at Flinders University are eligible for membership of the FLINDERS E.S. upon signing the membership declaration, which need only be signed once provided the declaration has not been updated since signing; and paying the FLINDERS E.S. membership fee.

4.2. The FLINDERS E.S. Membership Fee shall be payable once every Financial Year of the Flinders E.S. (see section 6.5) and shall be determined by the Committee. Upon entering into a new Financial Year of the FLINDERS E.S. (see section 6.5), membership of the FLINDERS

E.S. must be renewed by paying the FLINDERS E.S. Membership Fee to remain a current member of the FLINDERS E.S. These provisions also apply to associate members.

4.3. The membership declaration shall:

- i) State the objectives of the FLINDERS E.S.; and
- ii) Contain the statement “By joining Flinders Evangelical Students, I declare my faith in Jesus Christ as my Saviour, my Lord and my God and my belief in the Bible as the authoritative Word of God, and I affirm that I agree with the aims and doctrinal basis of Flinders Evangelical Students, and agree to uphold the work of Flinders Evangelical Students on campus.”

4.4. A Member of the FLINDERS E.S. shall cease to be a member of the same in the event of any of the following:

- i) He/she submits in writing his/her resignation to the Secretary;
- ii) He/she ceases to be an Enrolled Student at Flinders University;
- iii) He/she is expelled from the FLINDERS E.S. according to section 4.6 or
- iv) He/she fails to pay the FLINDERS E.S. Membership Fee.

4.5. Associate Membership of the FLINDERS E.S.

4.5.1 A person who is not an Enrolled Student at Flinders University may become an associate member upon signing the membership declaration, which need only be signed once provided the declaration has not been updated since signing; and paying the FLINDERS E.S. membership fee, with the exception of any AFES staff workers partnered with the FLINDERS E.S (see subsection 4.5.2).

4.5.2 All AFES staff workers partnered with the FLINDERS E.S. are to be associate members of the FLINDERS E.S. and are exempt from signing the membership declaration and paying the FLINDERS E.S. Membership Fee. Associate Membership for AFES staff workers will terminate when they cease to be an employee of AFES and/or are no longer partnered with the FLINDERS E.S.

4.5.3 An Associate Member of the FLINDERS E.S. shall cease to be a member of the same in the event of any of the following:

- i) He/she submits in writing his/her resignation to the Secretary;
- ii) He/she is expelled from the FLINDERS E.S. according to section 4.6, with the exception of AFES staff workers partnered with the FLINDERS E.S. or
- iii) He/she fails to pay the FLINDERS E.S. Membership Fee, with the exception of AFES staff workers partnered with the FLINDERS E.S.

4.6. Expulsion of a member

4.6.1. Subject to giving a member an opportunity to be heard or to make a written submission, the Committee may resolve to expel a member upon a charge of misconduct detrimental to the interests of the FLINDERS E.S, or a breach of the membership declaration.

4.6.2. Particulars of the charge shall be communicated to the member at least one calendar month before the meeting of the Committee at which the matter will be determined.

4.6.3. It shall be open to a member to appeal to the FLINDERS E.S. in general meeting against the expulsion. The intention to appeal shall be communicated to the secretary or public officer in writing within 14 days after the determination of the Committee has been communicated to the member.

4.6.4. In the event of an appeal under the subsection 4.6.3 the appellant's membership of the FLINDERS E.S. shall not be terminated unless the determination of the Committee to expel the member is upheld by the members of the FLINDERS E.S. in general meeting after the appellant has been heard by the members of the FLINDERS E.S., and in such event membership will be terminated at the date of the general meeting at which the determination of the Committee was upheld.

4.6.5. These provisions also apply to the expulsion of an associate member, with the exception of any AFES staff worker partnered with the FLINDERS E.S.

5. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

5.1. The affairs of the FLINDERS E.S. shall be managed and controlled by a Committee of Management which may exercise all powers and do all things that are within the aims of the FLINDERS E.S., and are not required to be done in a General Meeting. The committee shall have authority to interpret the meaning of this Constitution and any other matters relating to the affairs of the FLINDERS E.S. on which this Constitution is silent.

5.2. The Committee shall comprise of:

- i) President
- ii) One (1) or Two (2) Vice President(s)
- iii) Honorary Secretary
- iv) Honorary Treasurer
- v) Up to six (6) Other Members (up to seven (7) if there is only one (1) Vice President.)
- vi) An AFES Senior Staffworker for Flinders University (if any) as an ex officio member.

Other AFES staffworkers at Flinders University may be invited to attend Committee meetings. Staffworkers have the right to speak but not to vote nor to move or second motions at Committee meetings.

5.3. The Committee shall meet at least once every four (4) weeks during Semesters 1 and 2 of the academic year.

5.4. A member of the Committee shall cease to be a member of the same in the event of any of the following:

- i) He/she submits in writing his/her resignation to the Secretary;
- ii) He/she is absent from three consecutive Committee Meetings without leave of absence being granted by the Committee;
- iii) He/she ceases to be an Enrolled Student at Flinders University or
- iv) He/she ceases to be a member of the FLINDERS E.S..

5.5. The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring on the Committee and shall notify the membership of such appointment within seven (7) days of the appointment. Any member may object in writing to the secretary within fourteen (14) days of the notification being sent. If any objection is received in that time, the appointment in question shall only proceed if ratified by a special General Meeting of the FLINDERS E.S. that shall be called as soon as possible. The process for objection to the appointment shall be made clear in the notification of the appointment.

5.6. The Committee shall have the power to appoint from time to time such officers and sub-committees as it deems necessary. The Committee shall define the duties of such officers and sub-committees. The said officers and sub-committees shall be responsible to the Committee.

6. FINANCE:

6.1. All monies held by the FLINDERS E.S. shall be held in an account or accounts as determined by the Committee.

6.2. There shall be five signatories to any account, of whom:

- i) at least four are members of the Committee, and
- ii) at most one is an AFES Flinders staffworker.

6.3. Any monies of FLINDERS E.S. shall be appropriated only with the approval of the Committee.

6.4. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep proper books of account for the FLINDERS E.S. and shall prepare such statements of the FLINDERS E.S. financial affairs as the Committee directs. FLINDERS E.S. books shall be kept in a secure location determined by the Honorary Treasurer of FLINDERS E.S. Any member of the FLINDERS E.S. Committee may request in writing to

the Honorary Treasurer to inspect the books of the FLINDERS E.S. which the Honorary Treasurer must present to Committee within fourteen (14) days of receiving this request to inspect the books of the FLINDERS E.S.

6.5. The financial year of the FLINDERS E.S. shall be from the beginning of the University term four to the day immediately before the beginning of term four in the following year.

6.6. The Honorary Treasurer shall prepare at the close of each financial year a statement of the FLINDERS E.S. financial affairs which shall be presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.1. There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the FLINDERS E.S. to be held within the three weeks following the mid-semester break of Semester 2 each year to:

- i) receive a report from the Committee;
- ii) receive the statements of the financial affairs of the FLINDERS E.S. for the previous financial year;
- iii) elect the Committee; and
- iv) conduct such other business as is properly brought before the meeting.

7.2. The Honorary Secretary shall give fourteen days notice of the Annual General Meeting by means of a notice sent to all members of the FLINDERS E.S. and an advertisement placed on the FLINDERS E.S. web site. This notification will state the date, time, and place of the meeting.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

8.1. The Honorary Secretary shall convene a General Meeting of the FLINDERS E.S.:

- i) at the direction of the Committee, or
- ii) within fourteen (14) days of receiving a petition signed by 10% of the total membership or five (5) members of the FLINDERS E.S., whichever is the greatest; provided that such a petition shall state the business to be discussed at the General Meeting.

8.2. The Honorary Secretary shall give seven (7) days notice of a General Meeting by means of a notice sent to all members of the FLINDERS E.S. and an advertisement placed on the FLINDERS E.S. web site

8.3. No other business than that which is stated in the notification of a general meeting shall be discussed.

9. AFFILIATION

9.1. The FLINDERS E.S. shall be affiliated with the AFES. The affiliate member of the AFES shall be the President. In the event of the inability of the President to attend a meeting in this role, the Committee of the FLINDERS E.S. may appoint a substitute representative. The AFES will provide, where possible, staff to partner and assist the FLINDERS E.S.

9.2. The FLINDERS E.S. shall seek to be a non-financial affiliate club with FUSA and abide by current FUSA regulations. The representative of the FLINDERS E.S. on the FUSA clubs sub-committee shall be the President. In the event of the inability of the President to attend a meeting in this role, the Committee of the FLINDERS E.S. may appoint a substitute representative.

10. VOTING

10.1. The Chairperson at each meeting of the FLINDERS E.S. where business is to be presented shall be the President or a person eligible to vote elected by the meeting.

10.2. Persons eligible to vote shall be:

- a) at Committee meetings, members of the Committee present, but not the ex officio AFES Senior Staffworker; and
- b) at General and Annual General Meetings, those members of the FLINDERS E.S. present who are Enrolled Students at Flinders University.

10.3. The Chairperson of each meeting of the FLINDERS E.S. shall have a deliberative vote only.

10.4. Associate members have the right to speak but not to vote or to propose or second motions at any meeting of the FLINDERS E.S.. They are not eligible for appointment to any position on the Committee.

10.5. All business before meetings of the FLINDERS E.S. shall be determined by a simple majority of those voting, except where otherwise stated in this Constitution.

11. QUORUMS

11.1 The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be half plus one of the Committee.

11.2 The quorum for General or Annual General Meetings shall be 30% of the total membership or ten members, whichever is the least; provided that for a General Meeting called under clause 8.1 ii) of this Constitution, the quorum shall include at least fifty percent (50%) of the petitioning members.

11.3. If a quorum is not met within thirty (30) minutes after the advertised starting time of a General or Annual General Meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned and rescheduled to a later

date within four (4) weeks.

12. ALTERATIONS TO THIS CONSTITUTION

12.1. The procedure for altering this Constitution shall be:

- i) The proposed amendments shall be set out in full and posted. at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting in a notice sent to members of the FLINDERS E.S and on the FLINDERS E.S. web site.
- ii) The amendments shall be agreed to by at least two-thirds of the members of the FLINDERS E.S. present at the Annual/General Meeting at which they are discussed.

13. WINDING UP

13.1. The FLINDERS E.S. may be wound up after seeking advice from AFES and passing a motion at a General Meeting.

13.2. If, after the winding up of the FLINDERS E.S., there are assets that remain after the liabilities of the FLINDERS E.S. have been discharged and the costs and expenses of the winding up have been paid, these assets shall be distributed to the general funds of the AFES in South Australia or to other AFES affiliated clubs in South Australia.