

Statutes of the Association St. Gallen Model
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I. General Dispositions

Art. 1 Corporate Status

Under the name St Gallen Model United Nations (SGMUN) is constituted a student led Association in the sense of Articles 60 et seqq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

Art. 2 Seat

The Association has its seat in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

Art. 3 Duration

The Association will remain in existence for an unlimited period.

Art. 4 Language

- 1 The language of the Association is English.
- 2 All events, including but not limited to debates, guest speaker events and socials shall be held in English.
- 3 All formal internal documents shall be written in English. In case a document is written in two or more languages, the English version takes precedence.
- 4 The Executive Board (EB), Conference Secretariat (CS), Alumni Board (AB) and General Assembly (GA) meetings must be conducted in English.

Art. 5 Aims

The aims of the Association are, in particular:

- 1 To promote interaction and dialogue between students interested in global issues and international politics by providing an associative platform;
- 2 To develop and promote various skills amongst students, particularly negotiation, public speaking, and diplomatic awareness;
- 3 To facilitate and promote the participation in international Model United Nations Conferences;
- 4 To increase public awareness about the United Nations and other international and supranational organisations.

Art. 6 Political Neutrality

The Association is a politically and confessionally neutral (secular) non-commercial, non-profit organisation, open to all genders, nationalities, religions and ethnicities.

II. Membership

Art. 7 Types of Membership

- 1 The Association consists of: Simple Members, Alumni Members, and Members of Honour.
- 2 None of the members are personally compensated for efforts undertaken in their capacities.

Simple Members

Art. 8 Admission of Simple Members

- 1 To become a Simple Member of the Association, every applicant must:
 - i. Be a student registered at the University of St. Gallen;
 - ii. Have read and accepted the Statutes;
 - iii. Have agreed to pay the membership fee;
 - iv. Have fulfilled the application procedures defined by the EB.

- 2 The EB reserves itself the right to refuse an application without having to indicate the motives of its decision.

Art. 9 Rights and Duties of Simple Members

- 1 Every Simple Member has the right to:
 - i. Vote in the General Assembly;
 - ii. Submit their application for the EB under the conditions defined in III, Art. 27;
 - iii. Submit their application for the CS under the conditions defined in III, Art. 36;
 - iv. Submit their application for the AB under the conditions defined in III, Art. 45;
 - v. Participate in the activities of the Association, within the organisational capacity.
- 2 Every Simple Member has the duty to:
 - i. Attend General Assembly Meetings;
 - ii. Inform the EB of their current address, telephone number and e-mail address;
 - iii. Defend the interests and represent the image of the Association, particularly by respecting the conditions inherent in any activities related to the Association;
 - iv. Pay the membership fee set by the General Assembly;
 - v. Regularly engage in the Association's activities;
 - vi. Treat the other Members of the Association in a respectful manner.
- 3 If one is unable to attend a GA Meeting, a written notice must be submitted to the EB prior to the Meeting.

Art. 10 End of Simple Membership

The Simple Membership can be revoked for the following reasons:

- 1 Resignation
 - i. Each Simple Member has the right to leave the Association, provided they notify the EB 30 days in advance by e-mail.
 - ii. The EB reserves itself the right to accept a request of resignation effective immediately.
- 2 Exclusion
 - i. Each Simple Member can be excluded by the EB for the following reasons:
 - a. Breach of respect of the duties of II, Art. 9, num. 2;
 - b. Gross misconduct;
 - c. Violation of a disposition of the Statutes.
 - ii. The membership is suspended automatically once the member is no longer a matriculated student of the University of St. Gallen.
 - iii. If a Simple Member fails to fulfil the duty to pay the membership fee as specified within 30 days after receiving the invoice, the membership is suspended automatically.

Alumni Members

Art. 11 Admission of Alumni Members

- 1 Each person, having been a Simple Member, can request the Alumni Member status as soon as their Simple Membership ends.
- 2 The EB and AB reserve themselves the right to refuse any request to the alumni status.

Art. 12 Rights and Duties of Alumni Members

- 1 Every Alumni Member has the right to:
 - i. Attend the GA, however, they do not have any right of motion nor any right of vote;
 - ii. Submit their application for the AB;
 - iii. Participate in the activities of the Association, within the organisational capacity.
- 2 Every Alumni Member has the duty to:

- i. Pay the membership fee which is set by the GA according to III, Art. 21;
- ii. Inform the AB of their current address, telephone number and e-mail address;
- iii. Defend the interests and represent the image of the Association, particularly by respecting the conditions inherent in any activities related to the Association.

Art. 13 End of Alumni Status

The Alumni Status can be revoked for the following reasons:

1 Resignation

- i. Each Alumni Member has the right to resign from their alumni status, provided they notify the AB 30 days in advance by e-mail.
- ii. The AB reserves the right to accept a request of resignation effective immediately.

2 Exclusion

Each Alumni Member can be excluded by the AB for the following reasons:

- a. Breach of respect of the duties of II, Art. 12, num. 2;
- b. Gross misconduct;
- c. Violation of a disposition of the Statutes.

Members of Honour

Art. 14 Admission of Members of Honour

- 1 Under proposition of the EB, the GA can award the status of Member of Honour to people having demonstrated a particular investment within the Association and having therefore significantly contributed to its well-being and development;
- 2 The status as Member of Honor is to be understood like a title and a show of respect and gratefulness from the club;
- 3 The person is free to decline this status.

Art. 15 Rights and Duties of Members of Honour

- 1 Every Member of Honour has the right to:
 - i. Attend the GA, however, they do not have any right of motion nor any right of vote unless they are also simultaneously a Simple Member of the Association;
 - ii. Participate in the activities of the Association, within the organisational capacity without having to pay the membership fee.
- 2 Every Member of Honour has the duty to defend the interests and represent the image of the Association, particularly by respecting the conditions inherent in any activities related to the Association.

Art. 16 Duration of Member of Honour Status

The status of Member of Honour is awarded *ad vitam aeternam*.

Art. 17 End of Member of Honour Status

The Member of Honour Status can be revoked for the following reasons:

1 Resignation

- i. Each Member of Honour has the right to resign from their Member of Honour status, provided they notify the AB 30 days in advance by e-mail.
- ii. The EB reserves itself the right to accept a request of resignation effective immediately.

2 Exclusion

Each Member of Honour can be excluded by the EB for the following reasons:

- a. Breach of respect of the duties of II, Art. 15, num. 2;
- b. Gross misconduct;

c. Violation of a disposition of the Statutes.

Art. 18 Effects of End of Membership

- 1 Once a membership has ended, members do not have any rights to the assets or any other membership rights other than the right to recourse.
- 2 The member having received the decision of exclusion, enjoys the right of recourse within 14 days.
- 3 Loss of membership by exclusion is final after the right of recourse has elapsed or after decision by the RC.
- 4 Loss of membership automatically entails the loss of any positions within the Association besides the position of the Auditors if the loss of membership isn't due to exclusion.
- 5 The excluded member must settle all debts they have towards the Association within 30 days of their resignation or exclusion.
- 6 Unless referencing Exclusion from a specific date onward, the exclusion is immediate.
- 7 If a Simple Member or an Alumni member is excluded, then the excluded member also loses all other potential types of membership.

III. Organisation

Art. 19 Organs

The organs of the Association are the General Assembly (GA), the Executive Board (EB), the Conference Secretariat (CS), the Alumni Board (AB), the Recourse Commission (RC), and the Auditors.

General Assembly

Art. 20 Definition of the GA

The GA is the ultimate authority of the Association. It includes all the Simple Members.

Art. 21 Competencies of the GA

- 1 The GA takes decisions regarding the following matters:
 - i. Approval of the protocol of the last ordinary GA Meeting;
 - ii. Approval of the agenda for GA Meetings;
 - iii. Approval of the yearly accounts;
 - iv. Approval of the audit report;
 - v. Discharge of the EB;
 - vi. Election of the EB members;
 - vii. Election of the Members of Honour;
 - viii. Election of the Auditors;
 - ix. Election of the Recourse Commission;
 - x. Adoption and modification of the Statutes;
 - xi. Approval of the membership fee;
 - xii. Approval of the Alumni membership fee;
 - xiii. Dissolution of the Association.
- 2 The GA sets legal precedent on all other topics on the agenda, which are not part of the EB's competencies.

Art. 22 Meetings of the GA

- 1 The GA convenes at least once a year, at the latest in May and always before the end of lectures of the spring semester, for an ordinary meeting.
- 2 An extraordinary GA meeting will be convened if the EB considers it necessary, if the statutes, or if one-third of the members request it in written form from the EB. This extraordinary GA must meet within one month after the request has been submitted.
- 3 The GA is convened by the EB at least 21 days before the meeting by invitation via e-mail.
- 4 The invitation must include the agenda as well as the place and time of the meeting.
- 5 The documents regarding the GA's agenda must be sent to the members by the EB at least seven days in advance.
- 6 Every member is entitled to introduce modifications to the agenda. In case of modifications by a member prior to the GA meeting, the EB has to send a new invitation including the modifications and eventual documents at least three days in advance.
- 7 The GA can decide upon issues not enclosed in the agenda following Article 67 Para. 3 of the Swiss Civil Code.

Art. 23 Sequence of the GA

- 1 The agenda is proposed by the EB and submitted to the vote of the GA.
- 2 The President or another EB member to whom the President transfers this competence is the Chair of the meeting.
- 3 The Chair is assisted by another member of the GA who drafts the protocol of the meeting.
- 4 The protocol has to be signed by its author and the Chair.
- 5 The protocol must be sent to all members of the Association no more than 30 days after the meeting.

Art. 24 Voting Rights and Majorities of the GA

- 1 All the Simple Members present or represented at a GA meeting have an equal vote.
- 2 A Simple Member can transfer the right to vote to another simple member by sending a note to the EB via e-mail prior to the meeting.
- 3 The decisions of the GA are taken by a simple majority of the Simple Members present or represented, except for the following decisions which require a two-thirds majority:
 - i. The dissolution of the Association;
 - ii. A fusion with other Associations;
 - iii. The modification of the Statutes;
 - iv. Overruling mutual exclusivity of EB, RC, and CS membership.
 - v. Vote of no confidence to eject an EB member
- 4 In case of a tie, the vote of the Chair is predominant.
- 5 The quorum is defined as one-third of all the Simple Members of the Association for all decisions except for the dissolution of the Association, where it is defined as half of all the Simple Members.

Executive Board

Art. 25 Definition and Aims of the EB

- 1 The EB is the executive body of the Association.
- 2 It has the responsibility to administer and lead the Association.
- 3 It vouches for the goals and the smooth functioning of the Association in respect of the ethic and morals standards.

Art. 26 Composition of the EB

- 1 The EB is composed of at least three members including a President, a Vice-President and a Head of Finance.
- 2 The EB must be composed of members of both sexes.

Art. 27 Admission to the EB

- 1 Every Simple Member can submit their candidature to the GA following the procedure as defined by the EB, unless for the following reasons:
 - i. Barring special approval by a two-thirds majority of the GA, membership of the RC, the EB and the CS are mutually exclusive.
 - ii. All applicants must retain their membership for the duration of their prospective term.
 - iii. All applicants must not be physically absent from St. Gallen for a continuous period of more than 60 days during the duration of their prospective term.
- 2 The GA elects each EB member for the maximum period of one academic year, starting from the end of the semester in which the election took place.
- 3 Every member can be re-elected.

Art. 28 Rights and Duties of EB Members

- 1 Every EB member has the right to:
 - i. Participate in discussions and deliberations during the EB meeting;
 - ii. Propose agenda items for EB meetings;
 - iii. Be informed of EB meetings in a timely manner;
 - iv. The right to confidentiality, ensuring that sensitive information shared within the EB is not disclosed to unauthorised parties;
 - v. Vote on decisions taken at the EB meetings.
- 2 Every EB member has the duty to:
 - i. Attend the activities and meetings set by the EB;
 - ii. Remain dedicated to their obligations to the Association as they emerge in the exercise of their capacities;
 - iii. Commit to the goals and interests of the Association in the execution of their mandate.
 - iv. Actively participate in decision-making processes, providing well-informed insights and opinions;
 - v. Collaborate with other EB members and organs of the club to achieve the Associations objectives;
 - vi. Represent the Association in a professional and positive manner at external events and engagements;
 - vii. Prior to the conclusion of their term, it is mandated that all pertinent login information be duly documented and organized for accessibility for the succeeding EB;
 - viii. Maintain confidentiality regarding sensitive information related to the Association, the conference and its members.

Art. 29 Premature End of EB Mandate

- 1 Resignation
 - i. Every EB member has the right to resign from their position, provided they notify the EB 30 days in advance by e-mail.
 - ii. The EB reserves itself the right to accept a request of resignation effective immediately.
 - iii. The resigning EB member immediately must provide the necessary documents and facilitate any other steps required, including, but not limited to, transfer of login information, to enable the best possible succession of their activities.

2 Exclusion

- i. Each EB member can be excluded from the EB by the EB via an EB decision for the following reasons:
 - a. Breach of respect of the duties mentioned above;
 - b. Gross misconduct in the framework of their activities within the EB;
- ii. Each EB member can be excluded from the EB by the GA through a vote of no confidence.
- iii. The excluded EB member enjoys a right of recourse within 14 days after receiving the decision of exclusion.

Art. 30 Effects of End of EB Mandate

- 1 The President is in charge of finding one or more person capable of taking over the responsibilities of the resigning or excluded EB member until the next GA meeting.
- 2 In case of a resignation or exclusion of the President, the GA is convened within 14 days. The Vice-President assumes the role of interim President.
- 3 In case of a resignation of the President and the Vice-President, the GA is convened within 14 days. The Head of Finance assumes the role of interim President.
- 4 In case of a resignation of the President, Vice-President and the Head of Finance, the GA is convened within 14 days. A remaining EB member, or, if none remain, the SG assumes the role of interim President. The remaining EB, or, if no EB members remain, the SG is responsible for organising the GA.

Art. 31 Competencies of the EB

- 1 The main competence of the EB is the execution of the decisions taken by the GA and the running of the Association between GA meetings.
- 2 It must represent the Association towards the outside and manage the finances of the Association.

Art. 32 Convocations and Meetings of the EB

- 1 The EB meets as often as necessary, on request of the President or of one-third of its members.
- 2 The times and places of the meetings are set in agreement with the EB members.
- 3 The EB meetings are open to all the other members of the Association as observers.
- 4 The EB can only be in session with the presence of at least a simple majority of its members.
- 5 If an urgent matter requires a decision and it is impossible for the EB to reach quorum within the next 7 days, the President, or if absent and unreachable, the Vice-President, shall decide on behalf of the EB. This decision should align with the expected outcome had a proper EB decision been made on the matter, considering the best interests of the Association and its members. The President or Vice-President must inform the EB members of the decision and the rationale behind it as soon as possible.

Art. 33 Decisions of the EB

- 1 The decisions of the EB are taken by a simple relative majority of all EB members who are present at the time of the decision. In the event of a tie, the vote of the following EB members shall be decisive in the given order:
 - i. President;
 - ii. Vice-President;
 - iii. Head of Finance;
 - iv. If none of the above tiebreakers results in a resolution, the President, or if absent, the Vice-President, shall make the final decision, even if they abstained from voting initially.

- 2 An EB member cannot be represented by another EB member in meetings.
- 3 The decisions of the EB are recorded in a protocol of the meeting which is signed by its author.
- 4 The protocols are available to all the Simple Members upon request.

Conference Secretariat

Art. 34 Definition and Aims of the CS

- 1 The CS is a sub-instance of the EB and is the executive organizing committee of the SGMUN Conference.
- 2 It vouches for the goals and the smooth functioning of the Conference in respect to the ethical, moral and organisational standards.

Art. 35 Composition of the CS

The CS is composed of at least three members including a Secretary-General (SG), a Deputy Secretary- General (DSG), and an Under-Secretary-General (USG) of Finance and Treasury.

Art. 36 Admission to the CS

- 1 Simple Members can submit their candidature as SG or DSG to the EB following the application procedure defined by the EB, unless for the following reasons:
 - i. Barring special approval by a two-thirds majority of the GA, membership of the RC, the EB and the CS are mutually exclusive.
 - ii. All applicants must retain their membership for the duration of their prospective term.
 - iii. All applicants must not be physically absent from St. Gallen for a continuous period of more than 60 days during the duration of their prospective term.
- 2 The EB elects the SG and Deputy SG for the period of one academic year, in any case for the duration necessary to ensure the success of the SGMUN Conference.
- 3 After their selection, the SG and DSG carry out the application process for Under-Secretary General (USG) positions and propose candidates to the EB.
- 4 Every USG is appointed by the EB for the period of one academic year, in any case for the duration necessary to ensure the success of the SGMUN Conference.
- 5 Once the EB has taken a decision, this choice is generally final. However, people not accepted may appeal the decision to the RC within 7 days of being notified of the decision.
- 6 Every member can be re-elected.

Art. 37 Rights and Duties of CS Members

- 1 Every CS member has the right to:
 - i. Participate in discussions and deliberations during the CS meeting;
 - ii. Propose agenda items for CS meetings;
 - iii. Be informed of CS meetings in a timely manner;
 - iv. The right to confidentiality, ensuring that sensitive information shared within the CS is not disclosed to unauthorised parties;
 - v. Vote on decisions taken at the CS meetings.
- 2 Every CS member has the duty to:
 - i. Attend the activities and meetings set by the CS;
 - ii. Respect their engagements towards the Association, and notably assume their responsibilities such as described below;
 - iii. Carry out, in good faith, all activities necessary to ensure the success of the SGMUN Conference;
 - iv. Actively participate in decision-making processes, providing well-informed insights and opinions;

- v. Collaborate with other CS members and organs of the club to ensure the success of the SGMUN conference and achieve the Associations objectives;
- vi. Represent the Association and the conference in a professional and positive manner at external events and engagements;
- vii. Prior to the conclusion of their term, it is mandated that all pertinent login information be duly documented and organized for accessibility for the succeeding CS;
- viii. Maintain confidentiality regarding sensitive information related to the Association, the conference and its members.

Art. 38 Premature End of CS Mandate

1 Resignation

- i. Every CS member has the right to resign from their position with a 30 day advance notice addressed to the SG by e-mail.
- ii. The SG immediately informs the EB about the request.
- iii. The EB reserves itself the right to accept a request of resignation effective immediately.
- iv. The resigning CS member immediately must provide the necessary documents and facilitate any other steps required, including, but not limited to, transfer of login information, to enable the best possible succession of their activities.

2 Exclusion

- i. Each CS member can be excluded from the CS by the EB for the following reasons:
 - a. Breach of respect of the duties mentioned above;
 - b. Gross misconduct in the framework of their activities within the CS.
- ii. The excluded CS member enjoys a right of recourse within 14 days after receiving the decision of exclusion.

Art. 39 Effects of End of CS Mandate

- 1 The SG is in charge of finding one or more persons capable of taking over the responsibilities of the resigning or excluded member within 30 days after the resignation or exclusion.
- 2 In case of a resignation or exclusion of the SG, the EB is in charge of finding a person capable of taking over their responsibilities within 30 days after the resignation or exclusion. The DSG assumes the role of interim SG.

Art. 40 Competencies of the CS

- 1 The competence of the CS consists of and is limited to the planning, organisation, financing, and leadership of the SGMUN Conference.
- 2 The CS is independent in its decision-making but is accountable and answerable to the EB.
- 3 It must represent the Association towards the outside for the purposes of the conference.
- 4 The CS is responsible for partnerships and collaborations with external stakeholders, such as sponsors, partner organisations, and diplomatic missions.
- 5 The CS is vested with the responsibility for recruiting and overseeing conference staff, comprising committee chairs, volunteers, and administrative personnel.

Art. 41 Convocations and Meetings of the CS

- 1 The CS meets as often as necessary on request of the SG or of a simple majority of all CS members.
- 2 The times and places of the meetings are set in agreement with the CS members.
- 3 The EB reserves itself the right to attend a CS meeting as observers.

Art. 42 Decisions of the CS

- 1 CS meetings can only be in session with the presence of at least a simple majority of all of its members.
- 2 The decisions of the CS are taken by a simple relative majority of all CS members who are present at the time of the decision. In the event of a tie, the vote of the following CS members shall be decisive in the given order:
 - i. SG;
 - ii. DSG;
 - iii. USG of Finance and Treasury;
 - iv. If none of the above tiebreakers results in a resolution, the SG, or if absent, the DSG shall make the final decision, even if they abstained from voting initially.
- 3 A CS member cannot be represented by another CS member in a meeting.
- 4 The decisions of the CS are recorded in a protocol of the meeting which is signed by its author.
- 5 If an urgent matter requires a decision and it is impossible for the CS to reach quorum within the next 7 days, the SG, or if absent and unreachable, the DSG, shall decide on behalf of the CS. This decision should align with the expected outcome had a proper CS decision been made on the matter, considering the best interests of the conference and the CS members. The SG or DSG must inform the CS members of the decision and the rationale behind it as soon as possible.
- 5 The EB can at all times request information about the ongoing processes of the CS.

Alumni Board

Art. 43 Definition and Aims of the AB

- 1 The AB is a sub-instance of the EB and represents the Alumni Members of the Association.
- 2 It has the responsibility to administer the relations between the Association and its Alumni Members in collaboration with the EB.

Art. 44 Composition of the AV

The AB is composed of at least four members including a President, a Vice-President and a Treasurer, as well as a permanent representative of the EB.

Art. 45 Admission to the AB

- 1 Every Simple Member or Alumni Member can submit their candidature as AB Member to the EB following the application procedure defined by the EB.
- 2 The members of the AB who are Alumni Members are selected by the EB for a term of three years.
- 3 The members of the AB who are Simple Members are selected for a term of one year.

Art. 46 Rights and Duties of AB Members

- 1 Every AB member has the right to vote at the AB meetings.
- 2 Every AB member has the duty to:
 - i. Attend the activities and meetings set by the AB;
 - ii. Remain dedicated to their obligations to the Association as they emerge in the exercise of their capacities.

Art. 47 Premature End of AB Mandate

- 1 Resignation
 - i. Every AB member has the right to resign from their position with a 30 days advance notice addressed to the AB by e-mail.

- ii. The EB reserves itself the right to accept a request of resignation effective immediately.
 - iii. The resigning AB member immediately must provide the necessary documents and facilitate any other steps required, including, but not limited to, transfer of login information, to enable the best possible succession of their activities.
- 2 Members of the AB can be removed by a decision of the EB.
 - 3 The excluded AB member enjoys a right of recourse within 14 days after receiving the decision of exclusion.

Art. 48 Effect of End of AB Mandate

The AB oversees finding one or more person capable of taking over the responsibilities of the resigning or excluded member within 30 days after the resignation or exclusion.

Art. 49 Competence of the AB

- 1 The AB has the right to use funds collected from Alumni Membership fee to organise events or activities for Alumni Members.
- 2 The AB can give advice to the other organs of the Association.

Recourse Commission

Art. 50 Definition and Aims of the RC

- 1 The RC assesses requests for recourse in all cases where such a right has been granted.
- 2 It aims to remain impartial to any personal relations in judging whether the membership of the individual concerned is in the best interest of the Association.

Art. 51 Composition of the RC

The RC is composed of three current or former Simple Members of the Association.

Art. 52 Admission to the RC

- 1 Every Simple Member can submit their candidature to the GA following the procedure as defined by the EB.
- 2 Barring special approval by a two-thirds majority of the GA, membership of the RC, the EB and the CS are mutually exclusive.
- 2 The GA elects each RC member for the maximum period of one academic year, starting from the end of the semester in which the election took place.

Art. 53 Rights and duties of RC Members

- 1 Every RC member has the right to:
 - i. Participate in discussions and deliberations during the RC meeting;
 - ii. Be informed of RC meetings in a timely manner;
 - iii. The right to confidentiality, ensuring that sensitive information shared within the RC is not disclosed to unauthorised parties;
 - iv. Vote on decisions taken at the RC meetings.
- 2 Every RC member has the duty to:
 - i. Attend the activities and meetings set by the RC;
 - ii. Respect their engagements towards the Association, and notably assume their responsibilities such as described below;
 - iii. Actively participate in decision-making processes, providing well-informed insights and opinions;
 - iv. Maintain confidentiality regarding sensitive information related to the Association, the conference and its members;

- v. Uphold the values and principles of the Association in all activities and interactions, fostering a positive and inclusive environment conducive to collaboration and mutual respect.

Art. 54 Premature End of RC Mandate

1 Resignation

- i. Every RC member has the right to resign from their position, provided they notify the EB 30 days in advance by mail or e-mail.
- ii. The EB reserves itself the right to accept a request of resignation effective immediately.
- iii. The resigning RC member immediately must provide the necessary documents and facilitate any other steps required to enable the best possible succession of their activities.

2 Exclusion

- i. Each RC member can be excluded from the RC by the EB for the following reasons:
 - a. Breach of respect of the duties mentioned above;
 - b. Gross misconduct in the framework of their activities within the RC.
- ii. The decision to exclude a member of the RC can only result from a decision of the two other RC members.

Art. 55 Effects of End of RC Mandate

The EB is in charge of finding one or more persons capable of taking over the responsibilities of the resigning or excluded RC member until the next GA.

Art. 56 Competencies of the RC

- 1 The RC is responsible for reviewing and granting recourse in cases where a decision of the EB is alleged to have been taken in violation of the statutes or in an arbitrary manner. The RC may grant a recourse if:
 - i. There is evidence that an EB decision was taken in contravention of the statutory provisions;
 - ii. The EB's decision-making process was arbitrary, unfair, or biased, resulting in a decision that unjustly affects the individual concerned.
- 2 The RC's jurisdiction is limited to assessing requests for recourse submitted to them by the individual directly affected by the EB's decision. The RC does not have the authority to initiate a review on its own accord or act upon complaints from third parties.
- 3 The RC shall review each request for recourse impartially and thoroughly, examining all relevant evidence and documentation submitted by the individual concerned and the EB. The RC may request additional information or clarification from either party as needed to make an informed decision.
- 4 The RC shall render its decision in writing, providing a clear explanation of its reasoning and any corrective measures required.
- 5 The decision of the RC shall be final and binding upon both the individual concerned and the EB.
- 6 The RC shall maintain confidentiality throughout the recourse process, ensuring that sensitive information is protected and shared only with authorized parties.
- 7 The RC shall strive to complete its review and render a decision in a timely manner, recognising the importance of resolving disputes efficiently and effectively.

Art. 57 Convocations and Meetings of the RC

- 1 The RC meets as often as necessary on request of one of its members or the EB.
- 2 The times and places of the meetings are set in agreement with the RC members.

Art. 58 Decisions of the RC

- 1 All RC members have an equal vote.
- 2 All RC members must be present to make a binding decision.
- 3 The decisions of the RC are taken by simple majority.
- 4 A decision of the RC is binding on the EB and the affected party.
- 5 Any recourse granted must result in the re-admittance of the individual concerned to the Association in their previous capacity, their previous actions considered forgotten.
- 6 A decision of the RC does not concern any liability claims.

Auditors

Art. 59 Mandate, Composition, Competencies, Incompatibilities and Election of the Auditors

- 1 The Auditors are appointed by the General Assembly at the ordinary meeting for a period of one administrative year of the EB.
- 2 The Auditors do not have to be members of the Association.
- 3 The position of the Auditor is incompatible with a mandate in the EB, the CS or the AB. This restriction can be waived only if a two-thirds majority of the GA grants special approval for the member to hold multiple positions simultaneously.
- 4 The Auditors review and verify invoices, accounting, receipts and liquidity and report to the General Assembly in a written annual review on the annual budget and the findings of the audit. The Auditors prepare separate financial reports on the activities of the EB, the CS, the AB, and the Association as a whole.
- 5 The Auditors are to coordinate accounting standards with the EB, CS and AB members in charge of their respective accounts.
- 6 The Auditors must send the reports to the EB by e-mail 14 days prior to the ordinary meeting of the General Assembly.

IV. Financial Situation

Art. 60 Resources of the Association

The resources of the Association come from:

- 1 The membership fee set by the GA;
- 2 Possible subsidies;
- 3 Possible donations and legacies;
- 4 Conditional revenues from events;
- 5 Sponsoring and fundraising;
- 6 All other origins of revenue.

Art. 61 Resources of the Conference

- 1 The resources of the Conference are to be procured and managed separately from those of the Association.
- 2 These resources may only be used for the purposes of the Conference.
- 3 The resources of the Conference come from:
 - i. Delegate fees set according to IV Art. 64;
 - ii. Possible subsidies;
 - iii. Possible donations and legacies;
 - iv. Conditional revenues from events;
 - v. Sponsoring and fundraising;

- vi. All other origins of revenue.
- 3 The Association membership fee are strictly prohibited to be used for the purposes of the Conference.

Art. 62 Resources of the Alumni

The Resources of Alumni come from:

- 1 the Alumni membership fee set by the GA;
- 2 possible donations and legacies;
- 3 conditional revenues from events;
- 4 sponsoring and fundraising;
- 5 all other origins of revenue.

Art. 63 Simple Membership Fee

The amount of the membership fee is set by the GA. It cannot be inferior to 1CHF.

Art. 64 Delegate Fee

- 1 The amount of the delegate fee, including possible social, accommodation and transportation package fee, is decided by the CS.
- 2 The accounting of the Conference is to be handled separately from the Association accounts and is executed following generally accepted accounting principles standard for a project of comparable size.
- 3 The fiscal year starts upon the selection of the SG and ends 364 days afterwards.

Art. 65 Alumni Membership Fee

The amount of the Alumni membership fee is set by the GA. It cannot be under 1 CHF.

Art. 66 Financial Responsibilities of the Members

The personal responsibility of the members towards the Association is limited to the payment of the membership fee; the Association responds to its obligations exclusively on its assets. In consequence, the members have no rights to the cited assets, the actives of the Association being its exclusive property.

Art. 67 Accounting

The accounting of the Association is executed following the principles of Art. 957a et seqq. of the Swiss Code of Obligations. The administrative year runs from 1st June to 31st May of the following year.

Art. 68 Revision of Accounts

The accounts of the Association, the Conference and the Alumni must be revised by the Auditors before the ordinary GA meeting, where they have to present their report to the GA.

V. Final Dispositions

Art. 69 Dissolution of the Association

- 1 Subject to a legal decision, the dissolution of the Association can be decided by the GA at the two-thirds majority of the present or represented Simple Members, insofar as more than half of the Simple Members are present or represented.

- 2 If this quorum cannot be reached, an extraordinary GA, which will have to be convened in a deadline of four weeks starting from the date of the first GA, will decide on the dissolution at the two-thirds majority of the present or represented Simple Members, no matter their number.

Art. 70 Liquidation of the Association

- 1 The mandate of liquidation shall fall to the EB in the first instance. If the EB is unable or unavailable to perform this duty, the responsibility shall pass to the CS. In the event that neither the EB nor the CS is available, a group of three individuals shall be designated by the GA to carry out the liquidation process.
- 2 The members of the Association cannot request any right regarding the assets of the Association, which will be given to another charitable, tax-exempt students Association of the University of St. Gallen or a charitable, tax-exempt institution seated in Switzerland which follows similar goals as designated by the GA which decides the dissolution of the Association.