

Australasian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS)

University of Western Australian Constitution

Adopted by General Meeting 17/10/25

1. Name

1.1. The name of this Club shall be the “Australasian Union of Jewish Students – University of Western Australia”, hereafter called AUJS UWA.

1.2 The abbreviated name of the University of Western Australia shall be UWA.

2. Definition

2.1 AUJS UWA is a student club affiliated with the University of Western Australia Student Guild.

2.2 The Club coordinates Jewish student activities at UWA and provides educational, cultural, religious, social, and political programs relating to Judaism and Israel for UWA students.

3. Mission

3.1. Our mission is to develop and strengthen Jewish identity amongst Jewish tertiary students at the University of Western Australia.

4. Aims and Objectives

4.1. Our aim is to provide meaningful Jewish experiences through:

- (a) Engagement;
- (b) Enrichment;
- (c) Development;
- (d) and Action,

4.1.1. Thereby strengthening community and enhancing Jewish life at UWA.

4.1.2. Engagement shall be defined as the process of outreach within our demographic through which one creates and maintains relationships.

4.1.3. Enrichment shall be defined as the provision of added value to one's university experience.

4.1.4. Development shall be defined as the acquisition of skills, knowledge and understanding, whereby one gains awareness of the internal and external facets of AUJS UWA and the community in order to become a leader.

4.1.5. Action shall be defined as the actualisation and implementation of one's potential by assuming a leadership role.

4.2. The aims and objectives of AUJS UWA shall be:

4.2.1. To stand on the four pillars of Judaism, Zionism, Pluralism and Activism.

4.2.2. To represent Jewish students in UWA to both the Jewish and wider communities.

4.2.3. To provide activities—educational, cultural, political and social—that will serve to enlighten Jewish students with respect to the Jewish religion, Zionism, tradition and culture.

4.2.4. To facilitate and promote political activism both on and off campus by:

4.2.4.1. Steadfastly condemning racism, prejudice and injustice wherever it may be found and responding to anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism, Holocaust denial and Holocaust revisionism;

4.2.4.2. Actively advancing the interests of Israel, the Jewish people and AUJS; and

4.2.4.3. Promoting the virtues of harmony, tolerance, co-operation and respect.

4.2.5. To educate the wider community about Judaism and Israel.

4.2.6. To encourage Jewish student involvement in the Jewish community.

4.2.7. To encourage Jewish learning and to make available ideas for conducting a wide programme of Jewish education.

4.2.8. To be open to a complete spectrum of Jewish student opinion insofar as they are not inconsistent with the aims and objectives of AUJS UWA.

4.2.9. To recognise the importance of non-exclusion on the basis of religious principles and beliefs by holding all functions consistent with Halacha, whilst at the same time ensuring there is scope within AUJS UWA's activities to accommodate the broadest range of diversity of denominational affiliations that exist within the population of Jewish students in Western Australia .

4.2.10. To recognise the importance of issues such as civil rights and human rights, to encourage its members to be involved in student activities and movements as long as they are not inconsistent with the aims and objectives of AUJS UWA.

4.2.11. To promote and encourage the development of leadership skills and qualities in Jewish students.

4.3. AUJS UWA aims and objectives shall be:

4.3.1. To become and remain affiliated to Societies Council.

4.3.2. To encourage and promote cooperation between AUJS UWA and other affiliated societies representative of University interests.

4.3.3. To do all such things as would appear necessary and proper for the benefit or advancement of members of AUJS UWA.

4.4. The property and income of AUJS UWA shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of AUJS UWA and no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to members, except in good faith and in the promotion of those objectives.

5. Affiliation

5.1. AUJS UWA shall be affiliated with the Australasian Union of Jewish Students and its Western Australia Branch, and shall endorse the aims and objectives of both associations

6. Ordinary Membership

6.1 Ordinary membership shall be confined to:

- (a) Members of the Guild
- (b) Associates of the Guild
- (c) Honorary Life Associates of the Guild
- (d) Members of the University Senate
- (e) Members of the University Staff
- (f) Students enrolled at the University of Western Australia.

6.2 Any potential member that meets the requirements in 6.1 has the right to join the club.

7. Associateship of the Club

7.1 AUJS UWA in General Meeting may from time to time admit persons to associateship that are, or have been:

- a) Members of the Guild
- (b) Associates of the Guild
- (c) Honorary Life Associates of the Guild
- (d) Members of the University Senate

(e) Members of the University Staff

(f) Students enrolled at the University of Western Australia.

8. Subscriptions

8.1 The annual subscription for ordinary membership shall be \$5.

8.2 Subscription shall expire on the first day of semester of the subsequent academic year.

9. Honorary Life Members

9.1 The Union may in General Meeting by two-thirds majority of those present and voting confer Honorary Life Membership upon any member who has performed outstanding service to the Union.

10. Meeting of the Club

10.1 AUJS UWA shall hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) during the period 1 September—31 December of each academic year.

10.2 The Annual General Meeting of the club must be supervised by at least one Returning Officer who shall:

(a) Not be contesting the election

(b) Be elected by the committee before nominations are declared open

(c) Be confirmed by the members at the General Meeting before conducting the election

10.3 The Secretary shall cause written notice of any General Meeting to be posted on the Guild notice boards, or in G-News, at least 7 days before the date appointed for that meeting.

10.4 No General Meeting may be held while a Guild General Meeting is in progress. This shall not apply where written notice of the meeting was given before written notice of the Guild General Meeting. Any such meeting being conducted in contravention thereof shall disband immediately on the order of disciplinary officer of the Guild.

10.5 AUJS UWA may at any time call a Special Meeting of the Club.

10.6 All General Meeting of the Club shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the Standing Rules and Orders of the Guild Council.

11. Patron

11.1 AUJS UWA may, at the Annual General Meeting, elect a patron who shall, if they indicate their willingness to do so, hold office until the succeeding Annual General Meeting; nominations shall close at that meeting.

12. Nominations

12.1 At least seven days before the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall call for nominations for the Executive Office Bearers and Committee of the Club. Nominations shall close at the commencement of that meeting or earlier if stated in the notice.

12.2 Included in the same notice shall be details of the Annual General Meeting.

13. The Committee

13.1 The Committee shall consist of:

- (a) The Executive Office Bearers; and
- (b) Up to three Ordinary Committee Members.

13.2 Ordinary Committee Members shall hold office on behalf of AUJS UWA and support the Club's aims and objectives.

13.3 The Committee shall be elected by financial Ordinary Members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting, using optional preferential ballot. The election of Executive Office Bearers shall occur before the election of Ordinary Committee Members.

14. Executive Office Bearers

14.1 The Executive Office Bearers of AUJS UWA shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, in the following order:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer
- (e) Public Affairs Coordinator

14.2 The Executive Office Bearers shall represent AUJS UWA at relevant Guild Sub-councils and Guild meetings as required.

14.3 Only financial Ordinary Members of the Club who are also members of the UWA Student Guild shall be eligible for election as Executive Office Bearers.

14.4 Each position shall be contested separately and elected by optional preferential ballot in the above order.

14.5 A candidate not elected to a higher office may stand for any office lower on the list.

14.6 The duties and powers of Executive Office Bearers shall be as set out in Sections 22 to 25 of this Constitution.

14.7 No person may hold more than one Executive Office Bearer position at the same time.

14.8 The Committee may, by a three-quarters majority of those present and voting, dismiss an Executive Office Bearer if that Office Bearer has:

- (a) Consistently failed to perform the duties of the position;

- (b) Been absent without reasonable explanation from three consecutive Committee meetings;
- (c) Been given at least seven days' notice of the Committee meeting at which dismissal will be considered; and
- (d) Been given an opportunity to be present and speak at that meeting.

15. Duration of Office

15.1 The Executive Office Bearers and the Ordinary Committee Members shall remain in office until the next Annual General Meeting.

16. Vacancies

16.1 If an Executive Office Bearer resigns or ceases to hold office for any reason, the remaining members of the Committee shall fill the vacancy by appointing an eligible Ordinary Member. This appointment is subject to review and confirmation at the next General Meeting.

17. Committee Meetings

17.1 The Committee shall meet at such times and places (including online platforms) as determined by the President, or on the written request of at least two Committee members.

17.2 The Secretary must provide all Committee members with at least seven days' notice of any Committee meeting, together with an agenda of business to be discussed.

17.3 The Secretary must promptly call a Special Meeting of the Committee upon receiving a written requisition from at least two Committee members. Such a meeting must be held within seven days of receiving the requisition.

17.4 If the Secretary fails to call such a meeting, any Committee member who signed the requisition may give notice and call the meeting. The business stated in the requisition will have priority over all other business.

18. Quorum and Procedure of Committee

18.1 The quorum for a Committee meeting is four members, at least three of whom must be Executive Office Bearers.

18.2 All meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the Standing Rules and Orders of the UWA Student Guild Council.

19. Powers of the Committee

19.1 Subject to this Constitution, the Committee is responsible to the Club in General Meeting for carrying out the objectives of the Club and handling its day-to-day business.

19.2 Without limiting its obligations, the Committee may:

- 19.2.1 Acquire or dispose of property; handle Club funds; open and operate banking accounts; and enter into contracts, consistent with resolutions of the Club in General Meeting.

19.2.2 Not borrow or incur debts or liabilities on behalf of the Club exceeding five dollars per financial Ordinary Member, unless authorised by special resolution of a General Meeting.

19.2.3 Make regulations for the orderly and proper management of Club affairs, provided no regulation is inconsistent with this Constitution.

19.2.4 Make, alter, or repeal By-Laws and impose fines for breach thereof, subject to ratification by the Societies Council and Guild Council as required. The maximum fine imposed may not exceed \$5.

20. Chair

20.1 The President shall have the right to Chair any meeting of the Club or the Committee.

20.2 If the President is absent or declines, the Vice President shall Chair.

20.3 If both are absent or decline, those present shall elect a Chair for the meeting.

21. Executive Office Bearers

21.1 President

21.1.1 Coordinate and supervise the work of the Executive Office Bearers, subject to the authority of the Club in General Meeting.

21.1.2 Ensure all Office Bearers are familiar with this Constitution and their duties.

21.1.3 Implement the policy and decisions of the Club.

21.1.4 Report on the status of the Club to Ordinary Members at all General Meetings.

21.2 Vice President

21.2.1 Assist the President in their duties and act as President in the President's absence or as requested.

21.2.2 Record all proceedings of the Club and Committee in a minute book or digital equivalent.

21.2.3 Manage and retain all Club correspondence.

21.2.4 Supply the required Guild Register information to the Societies Council Secretary before the end of first semester.

21.2.5 Notify the Societies Council Secretary of any changes to Club officers or required information within fourteen days.

21.2.6 Lodge copies of this Constitution and any By-Laws with the Societies Council Secretary.

21.2.7 Notify the Societies Council Secretary of Club apologies at least four days before each Council meeting.

21.2.8 If the Club is de-registered, submit a duly audited statement and report on disposition of funds within thirty days to the Societies Council Secretary

21.3. Treasurer

21.3.1 Keep proper books of account for all Club property and finances.

21.3.2 Provide the Committee with accounts and financial reports as required.

- 21.3.3 Manage and account for petty cash.
- 21.3.4 Prepare an audited financial statement for the Annual General Meeting.
- 21.3.5 Deliver all necessary books and accounts for Guild audit as required.
- 21.3.6 Complete and submit all requisite forms and receipts to Societies Council for grants in accordance with Guild policy.

21.5 Public Affairs Coordinator

- 21.3.1 Lead the Club's response to antisemitism, prejudice, and discrimination affecting Jewish students at UWA.
- 21.3.2 Coordinate advocacy and representation on political issues relevant to Jewish students, including campus policies, academic freedom, and student rights.
- 21.3.3 Serve as the contact for external communications, media, campus statements, and relations with Guild, UWA, national AUJS, and external Jewish organisations.
- 21.3.4 Promote AUJS UWA's objectives and events through public and digital channels.
- 21.3.5 Advise on public affairs strategy, crisis response, and engagement with university governance relating to Jewish welfare and inclusion.

22. Deposits and Withdrawal of Monies

- 22.1 All monies payable to the Club must be received by the Treasurer, who shall deposit them without undue delay with Guild Finance for the credit of the Club.
- 22.2 Any two members of the Executive must jointly authorise and sign cheques and forms for the payment of Club funds.
- 22.3 No person may deposit or withdraw monies in any account that the Guild Council has resolved to close.

23. Payments

- 23.1 No payments may be made on behalf of, or in the name of, the Club unless they have been authorised by the Executive Office Bearers.

24. Major Obligations to the Guild

- 24.1 The Club shall comply with the Regulations of the Guild, the Rules of the Societies Council, and all other provisions appearing in the Guild Statutes book.
- 24.2 All Office Bearers and Committee members are jointly and severally responsible for compliance with these regulations and may be held liable for any breach.

25. Expulsion of Members

- 25.1 The Committee may, by unanimous vote, request any member or associate member to resign from the Club. Written notification of such a request shall be served upon the member concerned.
- 25.2 If the member does not resign within fourteen days of written notification, the Committee may serve notice of intended expulsion. If the member has not resigned within seven days of this notice, the Committee may, by unanimous vote, expel the member.

25.3 Any expulsion is subject to review at the next General Meeting, at which the member concerned is entitled to be present and heard.

25.4 A person who has been expelled, or who has resigned upon request, may not reapply for membership for a period of one year.

26. Availability of Constitution

26.1 The Committee shall make this Constitution available, upon request, to any Ordinary Member of the Club.

27. Interpretation

27.1 Subject to any provisions in the Guild Statutes or resolutions of the Guild Council or Societies Council, the President shall have the power to interpret the meaning of any provision of this Constitution, except that the final decision in case of doubt shall rest with the Club in General Meeting.

28. Amendment of this Constitution

28.1 Any two financial Ordinary Members of the Club may submit to the Secretary a signed notice of motion proposing an alteration to this Constitution, at least three days before the next General Meeting. The proposed amendment shall be posted on official notice boards without delay.

28.2 The motion may be considered by the Club at its next meeting, and relevant amendments to the motion may be moved without notice.

28.3 No amendment shall be adopted unless it receives a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at a General Meeting.

28.4 Any amendment to this Constitution comes into force upon approval by the Societies Council.

29. Dissolution of the Club

29.1 In the event of the Club's dissolution, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any remaining property shall be distributed to another Societies Council-affiliated association or club with similar objectives, as determined by a resolution of the members.

Appendix A: Standing Orders of the UWA Student Guild Can be found: [2023-guild-standing-orders-final.pdf](#)