

Bloom UWA Constitution.

SECTION 1 – NAME

1.1 The formal name of the Club shall be "Bloom UWA" (hereinafter referred to as "Bloom UWA" or "Bloom")

SECTION 2 – PRELIMINARY

2.1 Bloom UWA is a not-for-profit Student Society affiliated with the University of Western Australia Student Guild ("Guild") Societies Council.

2.2 This Constitution governs the operation of Bloom UWA pursuant to Rule 144 of the Societies Council Rules.

2.3 Where capitalised terms are used but undefined herein, definitions shall be as set out in the Societies Council Rules. Where no such definition exists, interpretation shall fall to the panel described in Section 20.

2.4 In the event of any inconsistency between this Constitution and the Societies Council Rules, the Societies Council Rules shall prevail.

SECTION 3 – OBJECTIVES

3.1 To connect entrepreneurially minded students and provide opportunities to learn from entrepreneurs and develop entrepreneurial skills.

3.2 To foster an inclusive community that welcomes students of all degrees, backgrounds, and identities.

3.3 To maintain affiliation with the Societies Council of the Guild.

3.4 To promote cooperation with Affiliated Societies, the Guild, and its Departments.

3.5 To act in the interests of the Club's beneficiaries.

3.6 To apply all property and income of the Club solely to the promotion of its objectives in good faith.

3.7 Bloom UWA shall comply with all applicable laws, policies, rules, and regulations at all times.

SECTION 4 – MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Membership of Bloom UWA shall consist of:

- General (Financial) Members
- Ordinary Committee Members
- Executive Committee Members
- Honorary Life Members

4.2 General Members shall:

4.2.1 Pay the annual membership fee;

4.2.2 Comply with this Constitution and applicable rules, regulations, and Codes of Conduct.

4.3 General Members shall be entitled to:

4.3.1 Attend Club events;

4.3.2 Vote at Annual General Meetings (AGMs) and Special General Meetings (SGMs);

4.3.3 Apply for Ordinary Committee membership.

4.4 Ordinary Committee Members shall:

4.4.1 Be approved via interview by the Executive Committee;

4.5 Ordinary Committee Members shall be entitled to:

4.5.1 Attend and speak at Committee meetings;

4.5.2 Vote on matters before the Committee;

4.5.3 Stand for election to the Executive Committee.

4.6 Executive Committee Members shall:

4.6.1 Be elected at an AGM or SGM. If the position remains vacant following an election, the position may be filled by an appointment with the majority vote of the committee.

4.6.2 Be enrolled UWA students for the duration of their term;

4.6.3 Represent Bloom UWA positively in all capacities;

4.7 The Executive Committee shall comprise:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Marketing Director
- Partnerships Director
- Immediate Past President

4.8 Honorary Life Membership may be conferred to any former general member by a two-thirds majority vote of the Committee, or by a simple majority vote at an AGM or SGM, in recognition of outstanding service.

4.8.1 Honorary members are entitled to attend AGMs, SGMs, but not to vote, and club events.

4.8.2 Honorary members may put forward motions at AGMs and SGMs.

4.9 Ordinary committee members and executive committee members must first be general (financial) members.

SECTION 5 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

5.1 Committee meetings shall be convened regularly as determined by the Committee.

5.2 Meetings shall be chaired by the President, or in their absence, the Vice President, or an Executive Member nominated by the Committee.

5.3 Quorum for Committee meetings shall be:

- Two (2) Executive Committee Members; and

- Five (5) Ordinary Committee Members.

SECTION 6 – GENERAL MEETINGS

6.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held at least once per Guild Year (1 December – 30 November).

6.2 A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee.

6.3 Quorum for an AGM or SGM shall be:

- Five (5) Executive Committee Members; and
- Five (5) Ordinary Committee Members.

6.4 All members shall be entitled to vote at AGMs and SGMs.

6.5 Notice of an AGM or SGM shall be provided to all members by the Secretary at least seven (7) calendar days in advance.

6.6 Agenda items must be submitted to the Secretary at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. No new items may be introduced without prior notice.

6.7 Executive Committee elections shall be conducted at an AGM or SGM. The Returning Officer shall collect nominations and oversee the election process, using a voting method they deem appropriate, including but not limited to secret ballot or open vote.

6.8 Amendments to this Constitution shall require a two-thirds majority vote of members present and voting at an AGM or SGM.

SECTION 7 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.1 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the strategic governance and administration of the Club.

7.2 The Executive Committee shall:

- 7.2.1 Ensure compliance with the Constitution and Club objectives;
- 7.2.2 Organise at least one Club event per academic semester;

- 7.2.3 Liaise with the Societies Council and attend its General Meetings;
- 7.2.4 Oversee Ordinary Committee Members and portfolios;
- 7.2.5 Ensure training requirements are fulfilled;
- 7.2.6 Uphold academic freedom and freedom of expression;
- 7.2.7 Maintain proper records and manage Club finances.

7.3 Executive roles may not be held concurrently.

7.4 Executive portfolio leaders shall manage:

- Events Portfolio – Vice President
- Administrative Portfolio – Secretary and Treasurer
- Marketing Portfolio – Marketing Director
- Partnerships Portfolio – Partnerships Director

7.5 Executive Committee Members must not be under any active disciplinary sanction imposed by the University.

SECTION 8 – CASUAL VACANCIES

8.1 Where an Executive Committee position becomes vacant, the Committee shall appoint a replacement from the Ordinary Committee until the next AGM or SGM.

SECTION 9 – ORDINARY COMMITTEE

9.1 First Year Representatives must be enrolled in the first year of their undergraduate studies.

9.2 Other Ordinary Committee Members shall hold the title “Ordinary Committee Member.”

9.3 Ordinary Committee Members and First Year Representatives may be assigned to the following portfolios:

- Events
- Administration

- Marketing
- Partnerships

9.4 Their title shall reflect their assigned role, e.g., “Events Officer” or “Marketing Fresher Representative.”

SECTION 10 – NON-DISCRIMINATION

10.1 Bloom UWA shall not provide any preferential or discriminatory treatment to any individual or group. The Club shall promote a safe, inclusive environment for all members.

SECTION 11 – EXPULSION FROM COMMITTEE

11.1 A member may have their membership revoked:

- By unanimous decision of the Executive Committee;
- By a two-thirds majority vote of the Ordinary Committee;
- If found to violate non-discrimination policies or academic freedoms;
- If no longer eligible or under disciplinary sanction.

11.2 An expelled member may appeal to the Guild Governance Committee.

SECTION 12 – COMMITTEE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

12.1 The Committee shall manage the daily operations and pursue the objectives of the Club.

12.2 By majority vote, the Committee may:

- Acquire and dispose of property;
- Deposit and receive funds;
- Open bank accounts;
- Enter into contracts;
- Enact or amend internal by-laws, consistent with this Constitution.

12.3 The Executive Committee may maintain records containing members' personal information for Club-related purposes only, in compliance with data protection standards.

SECTION 13 – FINANCES

13.1 All income shall be received by the Treasurer, or the President.

13.2 All withdrawals must be authorised by two (2) Executive Committee Members.

13.3 Payments must be processed promptly and authorised as above or by Committee resolution.

SECTION 14 – GUILD OBLIGATIONS

14.1 The Club shall adhere to all Guild and Societies Council regulations, including mandatory training.

14.2 All Committee Members are jointly responsible for compliance and may be held accountable in the event of a breach.

14.3 An Executive Committee Member must be present at each Societies Council General Meeting.

SECTION 15 – TRANSPARENCY

15.1 The Secretary shall, upon request, provide minutes and decision records to any

member.

15.2 The Treasurer shall, upon request, provide financial documentation to any member.

15.3 All requested records must be supplied to the Guild or Societies Council Executive upon demand.

SECTION 16 – CONSTITUTION AVAILABILITY

16.1 This Constitution shall be made freely available to any Guild member upon request.

SECTION 17 – AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

17.1 Proposals to amend this Constitution must be submitted to the Secretary in writing.

17.2 Amendments require a two-thirds majority vote at an AGM or SGM.

17.3 Amendments come into effect upon ratification by the Societies Council President.

SECTION 18 – INTERPRETATION

18.1 In the event of a dispute over the interpretation of this Constitution, a panel shall be convened consisting of:

- President
- Vice President
- Three (3) Ordinary Committee Members selected by the Committee

SECTION 19 – DISSOLUTION

19.1 Upon dissolution, any remaining assets shall be liquidated and transferred to Bloom, an affiliated external not-for-profit organisation.

SECTION 20 – ADOPTION

20.1 This Constitution was adopted by the Club on 1 August 2023 and amended on 12 May 2025.