

## **Dublin City University: Media Production Society (MPS) Constitution**

### **1 Name of Society**

The Name of the Society shall be "Media Production Society"

### **2 Aims & objectives**

The aims and objectives of MPS are as follows:

2.1 To facilitate the production of media in all its forms

2.2 The promotion of media production in all its forms

2.3 To foster the development of members as directors, producers, presenters, editors, camera operators and individuals.

2.4 To provide a forum for members to interact and socialise through non-production related activities

2.5 To assist society members to represent the society at a higher level.

### **3 Members**

3.1 Membership of the society shall be open to all students, staff and graduates of the college

3.2 Membership shall be obtained by paying the appropriate fee and signing the roll of members for the current academic year

3.3 The society recognizes the importance, experience and knowledge that graduates and former students bring to the society; therefore we will endeavour to maintain contact with such former members as we wish to retain their connection with the society

3.4 To this end the governing executive committee of the society shall be empowered to create a class of associate members of the society.

§ Graduate membership shall be open to former members of the society who are no longer students of Dublin City University. It shall not be a requirement that such members should hold a degree or any other academic award given by Dublin City University

§ Associate members shall pay an annual membership fee to the Society. The amount of this fee shall be determined by the Governing Executive Committee, but may be altered by a majority vote at a general meeting of the society. The associate membership fee shall not be less than the ordinary membership fee and no more than 10 times the ordinary membership fee.

§ Associate members shall be entitled to attend all general meetings of the society. Voting rights of associate members at general meetings shall be determined by the governing Executive Committee and may be altered by a majority vote at a general meeting of the society.

§ Other rights of associate members shall be determined by the governing executive committee but also be granted or revoked by a majority vote at a general vote of the society

§ The rights of an associate member shall not exceed those of an ordinary member of the society

3.5 All members shall be bound by this constitution.

## 4 Governing Executive Committee

4.1 The society will have a Governing Executive Committee

4.2 The Committee shall run the society on behalf of its members and in accordance with the aims and objectives and in compliance with the regulations set down by the Societies Life Committee.

4.3 Although decisions should be arrived at by the consensus of the committee (where possible), Committee decisions shall be decided by majority voting

4.4 A quorum shall be 2/3 of committee members. (Proposed change: for any decisions that require a vote of the committee.)

4.5 The committee shall consist of

§ Chairperson

§ Vice-Chairperson

§ Secretary

§ Treasurer

§ Public Relations Officer

§ Brand Design Officer

§ First-Year Liaison officer

§ Events Co-ordinator

§ Events Co-ordinator

§ DCU FM Station Manager

§ DCU FM Station Manager

§ DCUtv Station Manager

§ DCUtv Station Manager

§ Webmaster

§ Editor in Chief of The College View (TCV)

§ Sponsorship Officer

4.6 The term of office of these elected officers shall be one academic year

4.7 A person shall not hold the same office for more than two successive years

4.8 Persons running for a position on the Committee may not hold a position on the Student Union Executive Committee. This is due to the restrictive time constraints that are involved with being active on both the Committee and the Student Union Executive.

## 5 Election of the Governing Executive Committee

5.1 The committee shall be democratically elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) , with the exception of the Editor in Chief of TCV.

5.2 To seek election to the committee each candidate must have nominations by current members of the society. This nomination must be proposed by a member and seconded by another. 5.3 In the case of the Editor in Chief of TCV, the process of selection remains as before TCV's amalgamation with MPS (an application/interview process with the out-going Editor who will then fill the role).

## 6 Duties of the Governing Executive

- 6.1 The Chairperson shall be the Chief Officer of the society whose functions include chairing all meetings of the committee and officiating at meetings of the society
- 6.2 The Chair of any meeting shall have an ordinary vote at committee meetings and meetings of the society. In the event of a tied vote on any matter, she/he will have the casting vote
- 6.3 The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in all their duties.
- 6.4 The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson (unless otherwise directed by a general meeting of the society) in the event that the Chairperson is absent or is unable to perform their duties.
- 6.5 The Vice-Chairperson shall also be capable of assisting DCUtv and/or DCUfm's activities in a technical capacity ie. They must possess multimedia/technical skills.
- 6.6 The Secretary's function shall be to deal with all correspondence and records of the society
- 6.7 The Secretary keeps minutes of all committee meetings of all general meetings, of the Annual General Meeting or any other meetings relating to the business of the society when requested by the committee
- 6.8 The Secretary may give notice to all members of the society's meetings, events and functions
- 6.9 The Secretary shall assist the Public Relations Officer (PRO) and Events Coordinator to organise events where necessary.
- 6.10 The Secretary should act as a mediator should any conflict arise and have an impartial view when resolving said conflict.
- 6.11 The Treasurer's functions shall be to administer the funds of the society, on the advice of the committee, to maintain accounts and budgets and to seek sponsorship and incoming funding for the society.
- 6.12 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of accounts in compliance with the regulations set down by the Society Life Committee of DCU.
- 6.13 The Treasurer shall keep full records of income and expenditure of the society. The treasurer shall also keep a record of who authorised various expenditures and shall issue receipts.
- 6.14 The Treasurer shall sign all cheques, and withdrawal forms for the society's bank account, together with either the Chairperson or Secretary.
- 6.15 Where the Treasurer is decreed as unavailable, the Chairperson and Secretary may sign cheques and withdrawal forms for the society on consultation with the Society Life Committee
- 6.16 The Public Relations Officer and Brand Design Officer (BDO) shall be responsible for the advertising of all functions of the society through all means possible.
- 6.17 The Public Relations Officer (along with the Secretary) shall deal with external correspondence and maintain records of the contribution outside bodies have had for the society and give notice of all members of these contributions.
- 6.18 The Public Relations Officer and Brand Design Officer's main priority is to promote MPS as a whole and are not bound to any one aspect of the society (i.e. DCUfm and DCUtv).

6.19 The First Year Liaison Officer will liaise with first years in relation to the running of the society, and assume any duties at the request of the committee. The First-Year Liaison Officer shall assume the duties of the Secretary (unless directed by a general meeting of the society) in the event that the Secretary is absent.

6.20 The DCUtv Station Managers shall direct, oversee and be responsible for all DCUtv's content and activities.

6.21 The DCUtv Station Manager, in consultation with the other, shall have responsibility for (including but not limited to) drawing up the station's schedule. Both DCUtv Station Managers should assume the same roles.

6.22 Both DCUfm Station Managers shall direct, oversee and be responsible for all DCUfm's content and activities.

6.23 The DCUfm Station Managers, shall consult, and shall have responsibility for (including but not limited to) drawing up the station's schedule. The DCUfm Station Manager will also be expected to attain a good working knowledge of the RCS computer software and work with the DCUfm Station Manager on the technical and managerial operations of DCUfm. Both Station managers should assume the same roles.

6.24 Events Coordinator is responsible and should be involved in the organisation of all Events undertaken by the society.

6.25 Both Event's Coordinators should assume the same roles.

6.26 The Brand Design Officer's function is to promote the brand of MPS in all the society's activities in a consistent fashion. They shall maintain the brand in the designing of all posters and logos, and ensure MPS is presented positively across all platforms.

6.27 The Webmaster shall create and maintain a working website to the highest possible standard. They shall update the website regularly on recommendation of the committee. They will also endeavour to ensure the website remains free from third party interference.

6.28 The Webmaster shall liaise with the MPS Blog team and assist them in the publishing of blog posts on the MPS website. They will act as the committee representative for the Blog.

## 7 Dismissal and Resignation of Committee Members

7.1 No member of the committee shall be dismissed from office unless:

§ Written notice of a resolution to seek such a dismissal, signed by 10% of the members of the society is received 4 working days prior to a general meeting at which such a resolution shall be debated

§ 2/3 of the Governing Executive Committee may also call a meeting to debate the dismissal of another committee member

7.2 A resolution to dismiss a committee member shall be passed by a simple majority vote at the relevant quorum meeting.

7.3 A committee member wishing to resign must submit a letter in writing declaring that intention to resign to the Secretary, who will immediately inform the committee as a whole. The responsibilities of that person shall be delegated to other committee member(s). It is then the decision of the committee to decide whether a by-election is needed to elect a replacement

## 8 Meetings

8.1 There shall be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) held each year.

8.2 The AGM shall be held no later than in the final month of the academic year where the main committee members will be elected (where possible)

8.3 Elections for the offices of the governing executive committee shall take place at this meeting

8.4 A quorum of the meeting shall be 2 governing executive committee members and 10% of the ordinary membership

8.5 The business of the AGM shall include elections of relevant Executive Governing Committee as well as annual reports from the outgoing Governing Executive Committee (which should include a Treasurer's report on the finances of the society).

8.6 An Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be convened if:

§ 10% of the ordinary membership of the society requests such a meeting in writing.

§ A quorum of the Governing Executive Committee requests such a meeting in writing.

§ A vacancy on the current committee occurs there is a need to elect a replacement as deemed necessary by the governing executive committee.

8.7 Elections for the offices of the Governing Executive Committee shall take place at the AGM or EGM (where relevant).

8.8 Notice of all meetings shall be given to the membership at least 3 working days prior to the date of the meeting

8.9 At a meeting, a member may propose a resolution relating to the business of the Society. The resolution shall be voted on by a show of hands and a declaration by the Chairperson that the resolution is carried (unless a secret ballot is demanded by any 5 members) shall be conclusive evidence that the resolution has passed or failed.

8.10 In the event that the Chairperson's resolution (8.9) is challenged a recount of the votes will be administered in which a number of appropriate people will be appointed by the committee as "tellers" to count the votes. The result will be announced by the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson (where requested by the general meeting).

8.11 No resolution may contravene DCU policy or Societies Life Committee.

## 9 General

9.1 There shall be a President of the Society who shall be a staff member in compliance with the regulations set down by the Society Life Committee.

9.2 The membership fee for the Society shall be in compliance with the conditions set down by the Society Life Committee.

9.3 Each member of the Society shall be entitled to receive a copy of this Constitution, on demand, free of charge.

9.4 In the event of a clash with the Society Life Committee Constitution, the Society Life Committee Constitution shall take precedence above this constitution and is subject to Sports Societies Committee at all times.

9.5 In joining the Society, members agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Society as laid down in this constitution and by the Governing Executive Committee. Members violating these rules and regulations shall be answerable to the committee and may have their membership revoked and no monies refunded, for persistent breaches or extremely serious breaches, as deemed by a majority of the committee. In the event that the committee cannot resolve a dispute with a member(s), Society Life Committee shall rule on the matter and its decision is final.

10. Amendments to this Constitution:

10.1 Notice of a proposal to seek an amendment to this Constitution shall be given to the members at least 4 working days prior to the meeting at which such a proposal shall be considered.

10.2 A proposal to amend this Constitution must receive the approval of 2/3 of the members present and entitled to vote at the relevant meeting.