

Council Members Regulations

Interpretation

1. In this Regulation, unless it is otherwise provided or the context otherwise requires, all words shall have the meanings given in the Constitution of the Nanyang Technological University Students' Union.

Amendment

2. A Motion seeking to amend or remove any provision of this Regulation shall not be passed unless it has been supported by the votes of:
 - (1) Not less than half of the total number of Voting Council Representatives present during a Council Meeting, or
 - (2) Not less than half of the total numbers of Union Members present during a General Meeting of the Union.
3. For the purposes of section 2, amendment of provisions includes addition, amendment or repealing of provisions.

Legislative History

4. This legislation was first enacted on 3 March 2017.

Duty and Liability of Council Members

5. A Council member must act in the best interest of the Union, and not in the interest of some other person or body whose interests are contrary to that of the Union.
6. In discharging the duties of his position, a Council member must—
 - (1) Act honestly and with the utmost good faith for the benefit of the Union; and
 - (2) Exercise reasonable judgement, discretion and care.
7. A Council member of the Union shall not make improper use of any information acquired by virtue of his position as a Council member of the Union, directly or indirectly, an advantage for himself or for any other person or to cause detriment to the Union.

Conflicts of Interest

8. No Council member is to place himself in a position or to engage in any business such that his personal interest and that of the Union may come into conflict.
9. If a Council member, through a pre-existing engagement or otherwise, is aware of any potential conflicts of interest he would have with the Union, he must disclose the details of this conflict to the Council secretary immediately.

Scope of Duty

10. Council members are to perform their functions with and within the powers conveyed upon them in Article V of NTUSU constitution. Council members shall not act contrary to Article V NTUSU constitution.
11. In addition, the Council shall—
 - (1) engage in the debating and review of policies, ensuring that all Union policies and functions are consistent with the objectives of the Union; and
 - (2) supervise and ensure that the Union meets all its legal and financial obligations.

Associate Bodies

12. Associate Bodies shall be defined as student groups that are integral to the inclusive and fair representation of Union Members.

13. The appointment of Associate Bodies must be passed by the Council through a vote.
14. Associate Bodies shall nominate one representative who must be an elected official holding the role of President or equivalent.
15. Representatives of Associate Bodies shall be conveyed the same duties, liabilities and responsibilities as Council members but without the power to vote on matters during Council meetings.

Council Chairperson

16. The appointment of the Council Chairperson must be passed by the Council through a vote of confidence during the first meeting of the Council and before the election of the Executive Committee.
17. In the event that a candidate fails a vote of confidence, he may not stand for a subsequent vote until every other potential candidate has failed a vote of confidence equal to the number of times that he has failed unless decided otherwise by a vote.
18. In the event that there are no nominees for the role of the Council Chairperson, the outgoing Council may nominate a candidate whose appointment will still be subject to the requirements of section 13.
19. The Council Chairperson shall—
 - (1) be the chairperson of the Council;
 - (2) chair the meetings of the Council and ensure that meetings are conducted in a fair and unbiased manner;
 - (3) behave in a manner that is neutral and is not to pursue any agenda contrary to that of the Council;
 - (4) not participate in votes but shall have the casting vote when there is equality of votes; and
 - (5) ensure that the objectives of the Council are carried out correctly and appropriately.
20. In the event that the Council Chairperson is unavailable, the Council Secretary shall take his place.

Council Secretary

21. The Honorary General Secretary of the Executive Committee shall be the Council Secretary.
22. The Council Secretary shall—
 - (1) be the secretary at the meetings of the Council;
 - (2) take charge of the Council records and conduct the correspondence of the Council;
 - (3) keep minutes of the meetings of the Council and ensure that these minutes are made available to Union Members; and
 - (4) maintain a permanent record of all the legislative decisions made by the Council.
23. In the event that the Council Secretary is unavailable, the Council Secretary shall appoint another Council Member to take his place.

Breach of Conduct

24. A Council Member who commits a breach of any of the provisions of this regulation shall be subjected to one or all or a combination of disciplinary action of the following forms as deemed by the disciplinary committee:
 - (1) immediate removal from the council;

- (2) immediate suspension from any or all the privileges of membership for indefinite period; and
- (3) an apology tendered by the offender.

Secession from the Council

- 25. If any Associate Body wishes to secede from the Council, the Associate Body Representative is to tender this secession notice in written form to the Council Secretary who shall facilitate the secession.
- 26. Should an Associate Body secede from the Council, the Associate Body shall be barred from requesting admission into the Council for the following three academic years.