

## Bangladeshi Student Association of University of New England, Australia

### **Amendment of Constitution**

This article states the amendments to the original constitution agreed upon in the meeting held by Bangladeshi students of University of New England, Australia on 26/06/2019 at W55, ERS, UNE.

Following amendments are agreed in the General Meeting on 20 November 2020 at UNE Life Clubs and Societies, UNE.

#### I. Regulations of the “Bangladeshi Student Association of University of New England, Australia (BSAUNE)”

- a. The name of the Association is “Bangladeshi Student Association of University of New England, Australia (BSAUNE)”
- b. Formation of the association will be similar to Facebook group, but only current Bangladeshi students of UNE can be the members of this association. These students may or may not live in Australia and may or may not have Australian citizenship or permanent residency but they must use their organizational emails provided by the UNE. Member students are encouraged to enroll in the BSAUNE webpage hosted by the UNE Clubs and Society (<https://unione.unelife.com.au/Clubs/Bangladesh>). Moreover, the membership of the students will remain valid until their graduation that means it will not end immediately after submission of their theses. Spouse (s), children or relative (s) of students are not allowed to be a member of this association. However, family members of the member students are welcome to participate in common programs arranged by the student association.
- c. To be the executive members of the association and admins of the Facebook group, it is expected that the students will have a minimum of six months tenure before completing their graduation and they must live in Armidale, Australia during their executive membership.

- d. Five members of the executive committee will be elected by a bi-annual election (Executive committee tenure: 01 February to 31 July and 1 August to 31 January). Election will be on the membership of the executive committee but not on any specific posts. If sufficient candidates are not found for the election, the executive committee will be formed through a general meeting. However, the proposed executive members must be present in the general meeting that will be held to form the executive committee. The following outline will be maintained in the election procedure:
- d(1). The executive committee will be formed by an election procedure.
  - d(2). Two representatives (one from UNE Life Club & Society and one from UNE international office) will act as Election Commissioner to organize and conduct this election within the last 15 (fifteen) days of the existing EC committee.
  - d(3). The existing executive committee will call for the expression of interest (EOI) from the members of BSAUNE, and all EOI will be sent to the “Election Commissioner” within the due dates.
  - d(4). The election will be held through an online pooling system. Every member of the association will be eligible for voting and each of the members can propose 5 (five) executive committee members, by casting 5 (five) votes. Therefore, there will have all the candidates’ names against five posts in the ballot paper form. Each of the voters will select five potential candidates from the list for the upcoming executive committee by selecting the probable posts for each of their expected candidates.
  - d(5). Five posts, namely President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Organizing Secretary, and, Education and Cultural Secretary will be assigned based on the majority vote principle. However, for an equal number of vote receiver-candidates, the concerned posts will be awarded based on the seniority of enrolment and interests of the candidates.
- e. The student association will independently play its role for the welfare of the students. If this association participates in collaboration with other associations, the name of the Bangladeshi Student Association of UNE should be made clear and visible.

## II. Regulations of the Facebook Group

- a. Name of the Facebook group will be the same as the association name.
- b. All the Bangladeshi students currently studying at UNE (undergraduate, Masters and PhD or any other certificate courses) are eligible to be a member of this group. Also, the Ex-students of UNE can be a member of the Facebook group. Spouse (s), children or relative (s) of students are not allowed to be a member of this group.
- c. This group will be administrated by five (5) ‘admins’.
- d. The members of the executive committee of the student association will act as the ‘admins’ of the group.
- e. Maximum duration of the ‘admins’ role will be for six months.
- f. Upon completion of the tenure of the ‘admins’, their roles as admins would automatically be dissolved and new admins would be selected following the criteria ‘c’ mentioned above; the previous group of ‘admins’ will be considered as a general member.
- g. Each post will be approved by the ‘admins’, and ‘posts’ should be free from personal bias. If any admin approves any controversial post, s/he would be personally accountable for this. Moreover, all of the posts are expected to be related to education, research, entertainment, and cultural representation of the students. However, personally, politically and religiously sensitive posts are strongly discouraged and will not be approved. Communicative posts, for example, if anyone needs a book, article, documents or assistance, these posts can be posted and shared.
- h. Rules and Regulations will be displayed or uploaded in the Facebook group.

**N.B: This amendment of the Constitution has been approved by the members presented in the General Meeting on 20 Nov 2020 at UNE Life Clubs and Societies, UNE. It would be effective from 20 November 2020 and it has a total of 861 words.**