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Why Not All Rhodes Scholars?

(By a Member of the Staff.)

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On the assumption that it is generally desirable to give more attention to force of character and physical vigour, what modifications need to be made in University organisation?

The first and principal obstacle to be met with in any re-organisation is an economic one. For all but the cleverest students, the present courses are fully taken up in lectures, essays, laboratory work and preparation for examinations. It is impossible to lengthen them without perfect meshing with the professions, business and industry to which they lead. Greater co-operation is being sought in this direction officially by the Appointments Board. Individually members of the staff and public, as well as older graduates holding responsible positions, are doing their best in the same direction. This linking up of the University with the community it serves should go on with ever greater acceleration, until every undergraduate may feel sure of a job whereby he may earn his living and, at the same time, be worth an adequate salary from the beginning. Until this happy consummation comes about, it is not fair to lengthen the courses.

If the courses cannot be lengthened, a better apportionment of time in the present courses should be attempted. To enable greater attention to be paid to the second and third qualifications of Mr. Rhodes, greater efficiency is needed in using the time now available, and, in addition, less time will have to be devoted to the actual imparting of information in lectures and classes.

While the contact between teachers and taught should be largely increased, it is surely possible to reduce the time now set apart for formal lectures in many subjects. More use may conceivably be made of the system of issuing, at the beginning of a term, the subject-matter of all the lectures to be given during the term. A reduced number of lecture periods may then be given, of a tutorial nature, to explain difficulties, answer questions and to give that priceless personal touch between teacher and student. Each student, of course, must be subjected to some form of compulsion in the matter of studying the portion of the work set down for each day. The University administration may bring it fit to provide lecturers with the assistance of stenographers and scribes for one whole year to facilitate the change from the spoken lecture to the written word. Most lecturers may then be able to reduce their number of lectures by one half and students should be impressed that answers to examination questions must be in their own words for purposes of securing marks.

(The first article in this series appeared in the issue of "Honi Soit" of July 26. The series will be continued when the journal resumes regular issue.)

Sydney University Undergraduates' Assn.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Union Hall, on the eighth day of November, 1929, at 1.15 p.m., for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, of passing the following Resolution:—

"That the Constitution annexed hereto be and the same is hereby adopted as the Constitution of the Association to the exclusion of and in substitution for the present Constitution."

Dated this thirtieth day of October, 1929.

J. M. GOSPER,
President.

The Rights and Duties of Self-Government.

The exercise of the franchise in a democratic community is as much a public duty as a private right of citizenship. Whilst the generalisation that a people gets the Government it deserves may be too sweeping, it contains at least a modicum of truth. When the electorate has ceased to care whom it appoints to speak for it, it can scarcely complain if the policy of its delegate does not conform to established principles of representation.

So, with its fate in the balance, "Honi Soit" again emerges from the darkness into which its editorial committee retired when lack of advertising support made it impossible to carry on what they still consider to be an important function within the University of Sydney. It publishes with but one purpose, namely to impress upon the Student Body of the University, if it is not duly impressed already, the vital necessity of attending the general meeting called for to-morrow, and of expressing at that meeting their considered opinion of the new constitution, a resume of which is published in this issue, and which has been arrived at after mature consideration by the delegates of the four main associations of which it is proposed to form the Students' Representative Council. We would point out that it is in draft form only, and subject to whatever modification the majority deems desirable. All "Honi Soit" attempts, by this issue, is to induce the waverers to attend, and to vote. Most students, we feel sure, need no pressing.

It has been fairly generally agreed that some re-organisation of the student body is necessary. It is not only needed to prevent a recurrence of the last Festival fiasco. It vitally affects the welfare of every student and even the future of the Alma Mater. Under existing conditions, we must fail to realise our possibilities. Let us establish a constitutional framework which not only ensures adequate safeguards, but also enables us to make steady advance along the road of real progress.

Evolution, rather than revolution, assisted at the birth of the constitution now submitted. It does not seek to break up the present order, but rather attempts to knit existing institutions together, and to remove a number of serious anomalies which form a rather formidable barrier to unity. That unity is strength is perhaps a trite expression, but that does not prevent it from attaining the status of truth. If unity can be reached through the proposed constitution—and it behoves us to give it a fair trial—then it will have been of immense value.

The objects of the Students' Representative Council are not new. Every society which now exists within the University has more or less the same aims. But, by combining the efforts of all organisations, it should be in a much better position to realise those aims.

Representation has been arrived at on a fair and equitable basis, and, we think, adequately safeguards the interests of the smaller bodies. Following generally the lines of organisation in many of the larger Universities of the United States, its principles are ultimately democratic. It protects the interests of every student, graduate, undergraduate and diploma. While not perfect, it provides a foundation on which may be built, in years to come, a solid and enduring form of government.

"Honi Soit" has no hesitation in recommending the constitution to the electors. And, let us beg of all, do not let sectional interests and jealousies (if they exist) destroy all the good work which has been done in the last few months.

Points from the Constitution

- (1) It establishes the Students' Representative Council;
- (2) The general body of students is represented;
- (3) The following bodies retain their identity:—
 - (a) Sydney University Undergraduates' Association;
 - (b) Sydney University Women Undergraduates' Association;
 - (c) Sydney University Evening Students' Association;
 - (d) Sydney University Women Evening Students' Association.
- (4) Representation of the affiliated associations is on a proportional basis, with a minimum of two;
- (5) The President shall be elected by the Council at its first meeting after its appointment;
- (6) A disciplinary power is vested in the Council;
- (7) The Council has power to authorise the publication of an official journal, which will set out its views and policy.

S.U.U.A. Annual Election.

The annual election of a president and three members of the committee of the Association, under the new constitution, will be held in the Union Hall and the Law School on Wednesday, November 13, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Special voting facilities will be available for men at the Dental, Sydney, Royal Prince Alfred, and St. Vincent's Hospitals.

All day male students should note that as the new constitution automatically makes them members of the Association, they will be entitled to vote at the forthcoming elections, whether financial members of the Association as before constituted, or not.

Nominations close on Monday, November 11, at 7 p.m., with the honorary secretary, S.U.U.A.

Candidates must be nominated by at least two day male students, and nomination papers must bear the signed statement of the candidate, expressing willingness to accept office if elected.

Under the new scheme the Students' Representative Council takes over all the routine work and responsibilities of the Association as previously constituted. Day students should now make an endeavour to elect a truly representative president.

The S.U.U.A. is now in a position to assure candidates for office, that, with salaried officers controlling the routine work of the S.R.C., the outside activities of any student will in no way interfere with his academic life, or jeopardise his chances in the annual examinations.

LET YOUR SLOGAN BE "THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB."

Thank You.

On behalf of the student body of the University of Sydney, "Honi Soit" wishes to extend to the Dean of the Faculty of Law (Professor the Hon. J. B. Peden, M.L.C.) its thanks for his able assistance in drafting the proposed constitution of the Students' Representative Council.

Wearing the Gown

The black gown has for centuries been the symbol of equality and fraternity among students in all parts of the world. On some occasions the gown is often the one outward indication that a person belongs to the University. Statute No. 12 provides that "at all lectures, examinations and public ceremonies of the University undergraduates must appear in academic dress. Provided that the Professional Board shall have power to exempt students attending certain classes from wearing academic dress at these classes where such a course is deemed expedient." The Guild Council sets the example by insisting on the wearing of gowns at its meetings.

Students are asked to wear their gowns and wear them proudly, and not skulk into lectures academically naked.

(From the Handbook of Information, Guild of Undergraduates, University of Western Australia.)

Special Notice

It is the hope of the editorial committee to be able to recommence the regular issue of the journal at the beginning of the New Year.

In the absence of any expression of opinion to the contrary, it is felt that "Honi Soit" has served the public well to some little extent. The journal is above all, by, for and to undergraduates.



THE STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

DRAFT CONSTITUTION

The following constitution, formulated in conference by delegates of the S.U.U.A., S.U.W.U.A., S.U.E.S.A., and S.U.W.E.S.A., and drafted by Professor Peden, will tomorrow be submitted to a general meeting of students.

1. The Student Body and the Associations.

The Student Body of the University of Sydney shall consist of the whole number of students, whether matriculated or unmatriculated, who are duly enrolled for attendance at lectures, and pay the annual fee for membership of the Student Body.

The Student Body shall comprise the Sydney University Undergraduates' Association, the Sydney University Women Undergraduates' Association, the Sydney University Evening Students' Association, and the Sydney University Women Evening Students' Association.

Membership of the Student Body shall entitle a student to membership of the appropriate Association.

2. The Council.

The Sydney University Students' Representative Council shall be composed of representatives of each Association, together with a President chosen by the representatives, and with such persons, if any, as the Council may appoint to be ex officio members of the Council.

Until the President is chosen, the Council shall consist of the representatives.

The Council may proceed to the despatch of business, notwithstanding the failure of any Association to provide for its representation in the Council.

The Council shall, before proceeding to the despatch of any other business, choose a person to be the President.

The Council shall meet once at least in every month during Term.

The presence of at least 50 per cent. of representatives eligible to be present shall be necessary to constitute a meeting of the Council for the exercise of its powers.

Questions arising in the Council shall be determined by a majority of votes other than those of the President and of any ex officio members. When the votes are equal, the question shall pass in the negative.

The President, representatives, and ex-officio members shall hold office until the first meeting of the Council after the representatives for the next year are chosen.

An ex-officio member shall cease to be a member of the Council, if he ceases to hold the office in virtue of which he was appointed.

3. Representatives.

Each Association may choose two representatives, and where the number of members enrolled in any Association exceeds five hundred, that Association may choose additional representatives as follows: The excess shall be divided by five hundred as a quota, and for every quota or part thereof an additional representative may be chosen.

Representatives of an Association shall be chosen by its Committee, unless the Association otherwise decides.

Representatives of each Association shall be chosen within one month after the commencement of lectures in Lent Term of each year.

Where the place of a representative becomes vacant before the expiration of his term of service, a representative to fill the vacant place shall be chosen within one month after the place becomes vacant.

4. The President and Other Officers.

The officers of the Council shall be the President, two Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Secretary, and an Honorary Treasurer.

The officers shall be chosen by the Council at its first meeting after the representatives are chosen in each year or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

The President may be chosen from the representatives, graduates, Student Body or past members of the University. The other officers shall be chosen from the representatives. Of the two Vice-Presidents, one shall be chosen from the men representatives, and one from the women representatives.

If the President is chosen from the representatives his place as a representative shall become vacant.

Before or during the absence of the President the Council may choose a person to perform his duties in his absence.

Any officer may be removed from office by a vote of the Council.

As often as any office becomes vacant, the Council shall fill the vacancy.

5. Objects and Functions.

The objects of the Council shall be to promote the interests and maintain the traditions of the University and of the Student Body.

The Council shall represent the Student Body and conduct the affairs thereof.

6. Powers.

The Council shall have power to do all such things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of its objects, and in particular—

- (a) to summon and conduct a general meeting of the Student Body;
- (b) to submit a proposal or question to the Student Body, or to any Association, and to take a vote thereon in such manner as the Council thinks proper;
- (c) to make representations to the University authorities on behalf of the Student Body or of any Association;
- (d) to publish or authorize the publication of any magazine, newspaper, or printed matter on behalf of the Student Body;
- (e) to inquire into any act of any student which appears to the Council to be prejudicial to the University or to the Student Body, and to take such measures with respect to the matter as the Council, subject to the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, may determine;
- (f) to delegate to a sub-committee any matter for investigation and report;
- (g) to prescribe the duties of any officer of the Council;
- (h) to enter into and make agreements, and to employ persons on such terms as the Council deems proper;
- (i) to acquire manage deal with and dispose of any property;
- (j) to invest any moneys in any investment in which trustees are authorized by law to invest, and to vary and realize any investment;
- (k) to borrow money and to give security over any property of the Council;
- (l) to make regulations, not inconsistent with this Constitution, prescribing any matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed for giving effect to this Constitution.

The Council shall keep proper account of property of the Council and of all moneys received and expended by the Council, and cause the accounts to be audited once at least every year.

8. Annual Meeting of the Student Body.

The Council shall summon a general meeting of the Student Body within one month after the commencement of lectures in Lent Term of each year, and shall submit thereat the Annual Report of the Council, the Statement of Accounts, and Balance Sheet.

9. Membership Fee.

The annual fee for membership of the Student Body shall be five shillings, and shall be paid by every student to the Council through the Registrar of the University at or before a date to be fixed by the Registrar.

Out of the fees received by the Council from the Registrar, the Council shall pay to each Association an amount equal to two shillings in respect of each member enrolled in the Association.

10. Operation of the Constitution.

This constitution and all regulations and decisions made by the Council under this constitution shall be binding on an Association.

11. Alteration of the Constitution.

This Constitution shall not be altered unless the proposed alteration is submitted by the Council to the Student Body either at a general meeting or by way of referendum, and is approved by two-thirds of the members voting on the question.

The Council shall give at least fourteen days' notice of its intention to submit the proposed alteration.

Sydney University Undergraduates' Association.

Constitution.

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

1. The Constitution of the Association shall be divided into parts as follows:—

- Part I.—Preliminary.
- Part II.—Name and Objects.
- Part III.—Membership.
- Part IV.—The Committee.
- Part V.—Election of the Committee.
- Part VI.—Meetings of the Association.
- Part VII.—Meetings of the Committee.
- Part VIII.—The Chairman.
- Part IX.—The Honorary Treasurer.
- Part X.—The Honorary Secretary.
- Part XI.—Undergraduate Magazine.
- Part XII.—Alteration of the Constitution.

PART II.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

2. The Association shall be styled the "Sydney University Undergraduates' Association."

3. The objects of the Association shall be the promotion of the interests of the day male students by any means deemed advisable, and to act as an intermediary body between the Students' Representative Council on the one hand and the aforesaid students on the other hand.

PART III.

MEMBERSHIP.

4. Any day male student in actual attendance at lectures within the University of Sydney shall be eligible for membership of the Association during each and every year of his academic course. Provided that any day male student who shall have been granted an exemption from attendance at lectures during any year shall be eligible for membership during that year. Provided also that any male graduate in actual attendance at lectures and proceeding to another or higher degree or diploma during any year shall be eligible for membership during that year.

5. The Committee shall have the power to call upon any member who shall in its opinion have acted in any manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association to show satisfactory cause for such conduct, and if no explanation be given to the satisfaction of the Committee within one (1) calendar month the Committee may report him to the Students' Representative Council for further action.

PART IV.

THE COMMITTEE.

6. The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee, which shall have power to appoint one or more Sub-Committees to deal with such matters as the Committee shall direct.

7. The Committee shall consist of an Executive and of ordinary members and shall be elected annually from members of the Association in the manner hereinafter provided. Provided that any person who is eligible for membership of the Association, and who intends to become a member for the ensuing year shall be eligible to be elected as a member of the Committee.

8. The Executive of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, an Honorary Secretary, and an Honorary Treasurer.

9. Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution contained, the retiring President or any past President shall be entitled to be members of the Executive so long as he or they are eligible for membership and are members of the Association, and he or they shall be entitled to be during such time ex-officio senior Vice-President or Vice-Presidents taking precedence according to the date of their election to the Presidency.

10. The President shall be entitled to be a member of any Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee and to take the chair at any meeting of such Sub-Committee.

PART V.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

11. The election of the President shall be by an annual ballot to be held in Michaelmas Term, and the result shall be announced as soon as possible thereafter.

12. The election of the three members of the Committee hereinafter described (clause 16) shall be by an annual ballot to be held in Michaelmas Term, and the result shall be announced as soon as possible thereafter.

13. The election of the President and three members of the Committee shall be conducted by ballot on a preferential system if the retiring Executive so decides.

14. The Vice-President, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall be elected by the Committee at its first meeting in Lent Term, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

15. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Executive by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the Committee may elect a member of the Association to fill such vacancy.

16. There shall be three members of the Committee elected, by ballot, from the general body of day male students.

17. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Committee by reason of death or resignation of members elected under Clause (16) the Committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill such vacancy until the next general election.

18. The members of each of the following Faculties, namely, Arts, Law, Medicine, Science, Engineering, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Agricultural Science, Economics, Architecture and Pharmacy, shall be each entitled to elect one representative, as hereinafter provided, and such representatives shall be members of the Committee.

19. All elections under Clause (18) of this Constitution shall be held annually in Lent Term, and shall be completed within the first month after the commencement of lectures in Lent Term, and shall be conducted by the Faculty Committees.

20. The Faculty Committees shall consist of representatives from each year and such Executive officers as the Faculties may from time to time decide.

21. Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution contained the Faculty Committee may be (a) the existing Faculty Society or Association; (b) a body elected by the Faculty under the auspices of the Association.

22. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the representation of any of the abovementioned Faculties, by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, such Faculty may elect another representative to fill such vacancy.

23. The Committee shall have the right to call a meeting of all the Faculty Committees and representatives.

24. Members of the Committee shall hold office until the next succeeding Annual General Meeting.

25. Any member who shall absent himself from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Committee shall, unless the Committee otherwise directs, thereupon cease to be a member of the Committee.

26. The Committee shall have the power to appoint the representatives to the Students' Representative Council.

PART VI.

MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

27. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held early in Lent Term, after the commencement of lectures.

28. A Special General Meeting of the Association may be convened by the Honorary Secretary, or in his absence by the President or by any Vice-President, should occasion arise for the consideration of important business.

29. A Special General Meeting of the Association must be so convened upon receipt by the Honorary Secretary, or in his absence by the President or by any Vice-President, of a requisition to such effect signed by at least 12 members of the Association and stating the nature of the business intended to be brought forward. At any such Special General Meeting of the Association no business other than that for which the Meeting was convened shall be considered.

30. At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given of any General Meeting of the Association and the notice shall indicate the nature of the business intended to be brought forward at such meeting.

31. At any General Meeting of the Association thirty (30) members of the Association shall form a quorum.

32. The order of business at any General Meeting of the Association shall be as follows:—

- (a) Reading and Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting.
- (b) Correspondence and Reports.
- (c) Announcement of the result of the election of the President.
- (d) General Business.

33. Voting on all matters at any meeting of the Association shall be on the voices, but if any four (4) members ask for a show of hands, or any ten (10) members for a ballot, the vote shall be so taken.

34. The Chairman at any meeting of the Association shall have a deliberative vote, and, in the event of an equality of votes, shall have also a casting vote.

PART VII.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

35. The Committee shall meet from time to time during Term for the transaction of such business as shall arise.

36. The Committee shall meet at such time and place as shall be appointed by the Honorary Secretary or in his absence by the President or by any Vice-President.

37. At least three (3) days notice of meeting of the Committee shall be given to every member of the Committee, and the notice shall indicate the nature of the business intended to be brought forward at such meeting. Provided that in cases of urgency such notice shall be given as soon as possible.

38. At any meeting of the Committee six (6) members including the Chairman shall form a quorum.

39. The order of business at any meeting of the Committee shall, unless the Committee otherwise directs, be as follows:—

- (a) Reading and Confirmation of the minutes of previous meetings.
- (b) Business arising out of the Minutes.
- (c) Correspondence and Reports.
- (d) Finance.
- (e) Consideration of Motions of which due notice shall have been given.
- (f) General Business.
- (g) Special Business introduced by individual members.

40. Voting on all matters at any meeting of the Committee shall be on the voices, but if any two (2) members ask for a show of hands, or any four (4) members for a ballot, the vote shall be so taken.

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PART VIII.

THE CHAIRMAN.

42. The President shall be entitled to take the Chair at all meetings of the Association or of the Committee.

43. In the absence of the President the Chair may be taken by the senior Vice-President present, or in the absence of a Vice-President the Meeting shall elect a Chairman from the members of the Committee present, or if there be no member of the Committee present, from members of the Association present.

44. The Chairman shall be the sole interpreter of this Constitution, and his decision on any point of order shall be final.

PART IX.

THE HONORARY TREASURER.

45. The Honorary Treasurer shall, subject to the direction of the Committee:—

- (a) Receive all moneys due to the Association.
- (b) Make all payments on behalf of the Association.
- (c) Keep accounts of all receipts and disbursements.
- (d) Keep a list of all members of the Association.
- (e) Present to the Committee at each meeting thereof a statement of the finances of the Association.
- (f) Present on behalf of the Committee at the Annual General Meeting of the Association an Annual Balance Sheet which shall have been duly audited by two (2) Auditors appointed by the Committee, which Auditors shall not be members of the Committee.

PART X.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY.

46. The Honorary Secretary shall, subject to the direction of the Committee:—

- (a) On demand therefor, furnish any member of the Committee with a copy of this Constitution.
- (b) Conduct the correspondence of the Association.
- (c) Keep minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Committee.
- (d) Present on behalf of the Committee at the Annual General Meeting of the Association an Annual Report.
- (e) Fulfill such other duties as are specified in this Constitution and on his part to be performed and observed.

47. In any matter affecting the policy of the Association the Honorary Secretary before taking any action shall, if possible, confer with the President for advice and guidance, who shall, if he thinks fit refer the matter to the Committee for decision.

PART XI.

UNDERGRADUATE MAGAZINE.

48. The Association shall publish an Undergraduate Magazine.

49. This Magazine shall be styled: "Hermes, the Magazine of the Undergraduates, University of Sydney."

50. This Magazine shall be the official journal of the Association, and the Committee shall appoint an Editor-in-Chief who shall hold office until the expiration of Michaelmas Term of the year for which he is appointed.

51. The Editor-in-Chief shall be eligible for re-appointment.

52. The Editor-in-Chief shall be subject to the direction of the Committee and be vested with plenary powers as to the production and publication of the Magazine, but shall consult the Committee before incurring any extraordinary expenditure.

53. The Editor-in-Chief shall submit to the President, or some other member of the Executive on behalf of the Committee, proofs of all matter intended to be published in the Magazine, and shall not proceed to publication before such proofs have been approved by some member of the Executive on behalf of the Committee.

54. There shall be an Editorial Staff to assist the Editor-in-Chief which shall be appointed as follows:—

- (a) One Sub-Editor, a Sports' Editor and at least two (2) other members shall be appointed by the Committee. The Committee may take into consideration the recommendations of the Editor-in-Chief in regard to such appointments.
- (b) The Sydney University Women Undergraduates' Association shall be entitled to appoint two (2) members of the Staff, one of whom shall have the status of Sub-Editor.
- (c) The Evening Students' Association shall be entitled to appoint one member of the Staff.
- (d) The Committee shall have power to appoint a Business Editor and Collecting and Distributing Assistants and may take into consideration the recommendation of the Editor-in-Chief in regard to such appointments, except the Business Editor, shall not be entitled to attend the Staff meetings hereinafter referred to.

55. The Editor-in-Chief shall convene meetings of his Staff which shall be held at least three (3) times in every Term. The President of the Association shall be entitled to attend such Staff meetings.

56. Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution contained, the Editor-in-Chief shall be entitled to be a member of the Committee and shall in every respect be entitled to the rights and subject to the duties of an ordinary member of the Committee.

PART XII.

ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

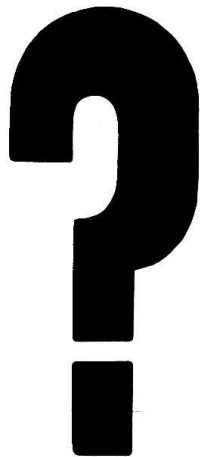
57. No alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be made except as follows:—

- (1) Any clause may be altered by the Committee of the Association in the following manner:
 - (a) The mover of the proposed resolution for alteration must give notice thereof in writing at a meeting of the Committee.
 - (b) The proposed resolution for alteration must be passed at a subsequent meeting of the Committee by a three-fourths (3/4) majority of those members of the Committee present and voting. Provided that for the purposes of voting on such resolution eight (8) members including the Chairman shall form a quorum.
 - (c) If so passed the alteration shall be of full force and effect until the next General Meeting of the Association.
 - (d) If not confirmed by a simple majority of the members of the Association present and voting at such General Meeting of the Association, the alteration shall lapse and be of no further effect, but if confirmed as aforesaid at such meeting it shall be of full force and effect.

- (2) Any Clause may be altered by a resolution passed by a simple majority of members present and voting at a General Meeting of the Association. Provided that notice of the text of such proposed alteration shall have been given to the Honorary Secretary and embodied by the Honorary Secretary in the notice convening such meeting.

Fellow Students!

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Alma Mater at heart



Then Roll Up To-Morrow and

VOTE

On the New Students' Constitution

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- 7. The Committee shall consist of one Executive and of ordinary members and shall be elected annually from members of the Association in the manner hereinafter provided. Provided that any person who is eligible for membership of the Association, and who intends to become a member for the ensuing year shall be eligible to be elected as a member of the Committee.
- 8. The Executive of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, an Honorary Secretary, and an Honorary Treasurer.
- 9. Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution contained, the retiring President or any past President shall be entitled to be members of the Executive so long as he or they are eligible for membership and are members of the Association, and he or they shall be entitled to be during such time ex-officio senior Vice-President or Vice-Presidents taking precedence according to the date of their election to the Presidency.
- 10. The President shall be entitled to be a member of any Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee and to take the chair at any meeting of such Sub-Committee.

PART V.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

- 11. The election of the President shall be by an annual ballot to be held in Michaelmas Term, and the result shall be announced as soon as possible thereafter.
- 12. The election of the three members of the Committee hereinafter described (clause 16) shall be by an annual ballot to be held in Michaelmas Term, and the result shall be announced as soon as possible thereafter.
- 13. The election of the President and three members of the Committee shall be conducted by ballot on a preferential system if the retiring Executive decides.

14. The Vice-President, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall be elected by the Committee at its first meeting in Lent Term, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

15. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Executive by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the Committee may elect a member of the Association to fill such vacancy.

16. There shall be three members of the Committee elected, by ballot, from the general body of day male students.

17. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Committee by reason of death or resignation of members elected under Clause (16) the Committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill such vacancy until the next general election.

18. The members of each of the following Faculties, namely, Arts, Law, Medicine, Science, Engineering, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Agricultural Science, Economics, Architecture and Pharmacy, shall be each entitled to elect one representative, as hereinafter provided, and such representatives shall be members of the Committee.

19. All elections under Clause (18) of this Constitution shall be held annually in Lent Term, and shall be completed within the first month after the commencement of lectures in Lent Term, and shall be conducted by the Faculty Committees.

20. The Faculty Committees shall consist of representatives from each year and such Executive officers as the Faculties may from time to time decide.

21. Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution contained the Faculty Committee may be (a) the existing Faculty Society or Association; (b) a body elected by the Faculty under the auspices of the Association.

22. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the representation of any of the abovementioned Faculties, by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, such Faculty may elect another representative to fill such vacancy.

23. The Committee shall have the right to call a meeting of all the Faculty Committees and representatives.

24. Members of the Committee shall hold office until the next succeeding Annual General Meeting.

25. Any member who shall absent himself from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Committee shall, unless the Committee otherwise directs, thereupon cease to be a member of the Committee.

26. The Committee shall have the power to appoint the representatives to the Students' Representative Council.

PART VI.

MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

27. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held early in Lent Term, after the commencement of lectures.

28. A Special General Meeting of the Association may be convened by the Honorary Secretary, or in his absence by the President or by any Vice-President, should occasion arise for the consideration of important business.

29. A Special General Meeting of the Association must be so convened upon receipt by the Honorary Secretary, or in his absence by the President or by any Vice-President, of a requisition to such effect signed by at least 12 members of the Association and stating the nature of the business intended to be brought forward. At any such Special General Meeting of the Association no business other than that for which the Meeting was convened shall be considered.

30. At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given of any General Meeting of the Association and the notice shall indicate the nature of the business intended to be brought forward at such meeting.

31. At any General Meeting of the Association thirty (30) members of the Association shall form a quorum.

32. The order of business at any General Meeting of the Association shall be as follows:—

- (a) Reading and Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting.
- (b) Correspondence and Reports.
- (c) Announcement of the result of the election of the President.
- (d) General Business.

33. Voting on all matters at any meeting of the Association shall be on the voices, but if any four (4) members ask for a show of hands, or any ten (10) members for a ballot, the vote shall be so taken.

34. The Chairman at any meeting of the Association shall have a deliberative vote, and, in the event of an equality of votes, shall have also a casting vote.

PART VII.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

35. The Committee shall meet from time to time during Term for the transaction of such business as shall arise.

36. The Committee shall meet at such time and place as shall be appointed by the Honorary Secretary or in his absence by the President or by any Vice-President.

37. At least three (3) days notice of meeting of the Committee shall be given to every member of the Committee, and the notice shall indicate the nature of the business intended to be brought forward at such meeting. Provided that in cases of urgency such notice shall be given as soon as possible.

38. At any meeting of the Committee six (6) members including the Chairman shall form a quorum.

39. The order of business at any meeting of the Committee shall, unless the Committee otherwise directs, be as follows:—

- (a) Reading and Confirmation of the minutes of previous meetings.
- (b) Business arising out of the Minutes.
- (c) Correspondence and Reports.
- (d) Finance.
- (e) Consideration of Motions of which due notice shall have been given.
- (f) General Business.
- (g) Special Business introduced by individual members.

40. Voting on all matters at any meeting of the Committee shall be on the voices, but if any two (2) members ask for a show of hands, or any four (4) members for a ballot, the vote shall be so taken.

41. The Chairman at any meeting of the Committee shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, shall have also a casting vote.

PART VIII.

THE CHAIRMAN.

42. The President shall be entitled to take the Chair at all meetings of the Association or of the Committee.

43. In the absence of the President the Chair may be taken by the senior Vice-President present, or in the absence of a Vice-President the Meeting shall elect a Chairman from the members of the Committee present, or if there be no member of the Committee present, from members of the Association present.

44. The Chairman shall be the sole interpreter of this Constitution, and his decision on any point of order shall be final.

PART IX.

THE HONORARY TREASURER.

45. The Honorary Treasurer shall, subject to the direction of the Committee:—

- (a) Receive all moneys due to the Association.
- (b) Make all payments on behalf of the Association.
- (c) Keep accounts of all receipts and disbursements.
- (d) Keep a list of all members of the Association.
- (e) Present to the Committee at each meeting thereof a statement of the finances of the Association.
- (f) Present on behalf of the Committee at the Annual General Meeting of the Association an Annual Balance Sheet which shall have been duly audited by two (2) Auditors appointed by the Committee, which Auditors shall not be members of the Committee.

PART X.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY.

46. The Honorary Secretary shall, subject to the direction of the Committee:—

- (a) On demand therefor, furnish any member of the Committee with a copy of this Constitution.
- (b) Conduct the correspondence of the Association.
- (c) Keep minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Committee.
- (e) Present on behalf of the Committee at the Annual General Meeting of the Association an Annual Report.
- (f) Fulfill such other duties as are specified in this Constitution and on his part to be performed and observed.

47. In any matter affecting the policy of the Association the Honorary Secretary before taking any action shall, if possible, confer with the President for advice and guidance, who shall, if he thinks fit refer the matter to the Committee for decision.

PART XI.

UNDERGRADUATE MAGAZINE.

48. The Association shall publish an Undergraduate Magazine.

49. This Magazine shall be styled: "Hermes, the Magazine of the Undergraduates, University of Sydney."

50. This Magazine shall be the official journal of the Association, and the Committee shall appoint an Editor-in-Chief who shall hold office until the expiration of Michaelmas Term of the year for which he is appointed.

51. The Editor-in-Chief shall be eligible for re-appointment.

52. The Editor-in-Chief shall be subject to the direction of the Committee and be vested with plenary powers as to the production and publication of the Magazine, but shall consult the Committee before incurring any extraordinary expenditure.

53. The Editor-in-Chief shall submit to the President, or some other member of the Executive on behalf of the Committee, proofs of all matter intended to be published in the Magazine, and shall not proceed to publication before such proofs have been approved by some member of the Executive on behalf of the Committee.

54. There shall be an Editorial Staff to assist the Editor-in-Chief which shall be appointed as follows:—

- (a) One Sub-Editor, a Sports' Editor and at least two (2) other members shall be appointed by the Committee. The Committee may take into consideration the recommendations of the Editor-in-Chief in regard to such appointments.
- (b) The Sydney University Women Undergraduates' Association shall be entitled to appoint two (2) members of the Staff, one of whom shall have the status of Sub-Editor.
- (c) The Evening Students' Association shall be entitled to appoint one member of the Staff.
- (d) The Committee shall have power to appoint a Business Editor and Collecting and Distributing Assistants and may take into consideration the recommendation of the Editor-in-Chief in regard to such appointments, but such appointees, except the Business Editor, shall not be entitled to attend the Staff meetings hereinafter referred to.
- 55. The Editor-in-Chief shall convene meetings of his Staff which shall be held at least three (3) times in every Term. The President of the Association shall be entitled to attend such Staff meetings.
- 56. Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution contained, the Editor-in-Chief shall be entitled to be a member of the Committee and shall in every respect be entitled to the rights and subject to the duties of an ordinary member of the Committee.

PART XII.

ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

57. No alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be made except as follows:—

- (1) Any clause may be altered by the Committee of the Association in the following manner:
 - (a) The mover of the proposed resolution for alteration must give notice thereof in writing at a meeting of the Committee.
 - (b) The proposed resolution for alteration must be passed at a subsequent meeting of the Committee by a three-fourths (3/4) majority of those members of the Committee present and voting. Provided that for the purposes of voting on such resolution eight (8) members including the Chairman shall form a quorum.
 - (c) If so passed the alteration shall be of full force and effect until the next General Meeting of the Association.
 - (d) If not confirmed by a simple majority of the members of the Association present and voting at such General Meeting of the Association, the alteration shall lapse and be of no further effect; but if confirmed as aforesaid at such meeting it shall be and continue in full force and effect.

- (2) Any Clause may be altered by a resolution passed by a simple majority of members present and voting at a General Meeting of the Association. Provided that notice of the text of such proposed alteration shall have been given to the Honorary Secretary and embodied by the Honorary Secretary in the notice convening such meeting.