

CONSTITUTION OF UWO WORLD VISION

Article 1 – Name

The club's official name will be "UWO World Vision", and may be referred to as "UWO WV". No other name will be used in the advertisement or representation of the club.

Article 2 – Club Mandate

The club's mandate will be as follows:

- (1) Mission: UWO World Vision exists to provide students with the opportunity to change the lives of children around the world. UWO World Vision strives to raise awareness of the social justice issues existing in our own communities, as well as on an international level, and take action to contribute to the well-being of those affected by poverty.
- (2) Strategy: UWO World Vision will provide volunteer opportunities, and hold public events within the community to raise awareness and donations for World Vision Canada, as well as local charities.
- (3) Vision: To act as a relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and the community to overcome poverty and injustice.

Article 3 – Membership

- (1) The club's membership is open to all undergraduate students at the University. The club's membership cannot be exclusive and must be open to all undergraduate students
- (2) Only full-time students enrolled at Western University may be members of the Executive Committee;
- (3) All voting members of the Executive Committee must be undergraduate students. Graduate students may only serve on the Executive Committee in a non-voting, advisory capacity; and,
- (4) Each club member shall abide by the conflict of interest provisions written in the Club's Policy: Club Operating Policies.

Article 4 – Executive & Executive Responsibilities

There shall be an Executive Committee.

- (1) Collectively, the Executive Committee will ensure that the club's activities do not violate the USC's and the University's policies and procedures, and municipal, provincial and federal laws;
- (2) There will not be less than five (5) Executive members at any one time that fulfill the following functions:

a. The President will:

- i. Oversee the other members of the executive in fulfilling their responsibilities;
- ii. Chair all meetings;
- iii. Hold shared responsibility for managing the club's relationship with the USC;
- iv. Hold one (1) vote in the Executive Committee;

v. Have USC Finance Office signing authority for the club; and, vi. If absent, assign an executive with all the responsibilities of the President.

b. The VP Internal Communications will:

- i. Record votes and minutes of all meetings;
- ii. Give notice of all meetings;
- iii. Be responsible for communication within the club; and,
- iv. Act as Chief Returning Officer.

c. The VP External Communications (“VP Communications”) will:

- i. Record votes and minutes of all meetings;
- ii. Give or cause to be given notice of all meetings;
- iii. Hold shared responsibility for managing the club’s relationship with the USC; and,
- iv. Hold one (1) vote in the Executive Committee.

d. The VP Events will:

- i. Organize club programs, activities and events in accordance with its Constitution’s mandate;
- ii. Have USC Finance Office signing authority for the club;
- iii. Be responsible for submitting event proposals through the USC’s online platform;
- iv. Be responsible for adhering to all terms and conditions set forth by the Student Organizations Advisors;
- v. Hold shared responsibility for managing the club’s relationship with the USC; and, vi. Hold one (1) vote in the Executive Committee.

e. The VP Finance will

- i. Oversee all financial dealings of the club;
- ii. Keep complete records of all financial dealings of the club;
- iii. Have USC Finance Office signing authority for the club;
- iv. Hold shared responsibility for managing the club’s relationship with the USC; and,
- v. Hold one (1) vote in the Executive Committee

(3) Executives are subject to the club’s membership fee

Article 5 – Meetings

(1) The club’s quorum for meetings shall be fifteen (15) percent of the total membership. Meetings are held for the purpose of keeping the club executive accountable to the membership;

(2) At least three (3) general meetings shall be held during each school year, including the Annual General Meetings (AGM); and,

(3) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at regular intervals, and are for the purpose of running the club. Votes by the Executive Committee on club business shall be declared by a simple majority, unless otherwise stated in Clubs Policy.

Article 6 – Elections

- (1) Elections shall be carried out in accordance with the executive election provisions in Clubs Policy: Clubs Election Policy; and,
- (2) A successful candidate in a club executive election will be declared by a simple majority.

Article 7 – Amendments

- (1) Any amendments to this constitution must be made in accordance with the constitution amendment provisions in Clubs Policy: Clubs Constitutional Amendment Procedure.

Article 8 – Member Removal

- (1) Club members may only be removed from the membership in accordance with the member removal provisions of Clubs Policy: Clubs Operating Policy.

Article 9 – Refund Policy

- (1) Membership fee refunds shall be given in accordance with the membership fee refund provisions of Clubs Policy: Clubs Financial Procedures.

Article 10 – Conflict Resolution

- (1) A club member may only seek assistance or guidance from the USC Associate Vice-President, Clubs after the member has been unable to resolve an issue with the executive members.

Article 11 – Agency Clause

- (1) UWO World Vision is not an agent of the University Students' Council of the University of Western Ontario (the "USC"), and its views and actions do not represent those of the USC.
- (2) UWO World Vision and its members are not permitted to sign contracts on behalf of the club or the USC.

Article 12 – External Affiliations

- (1) The club shall disclose any relationship with external organizations, in accordance with the external affiliation provisions of Clubs Policy: Clubs Operating Policy