NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

REGULATION 9

STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

(A) NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE STUDENTS’ UNION

Constituent Bodies

1. The Union shall consist of the following Constituent Bodies provided that no Constituent Body shall be formed with fewer than fifty members:

   (a) Students’ Arts and Social Sciences Club;
   (b) Students’ Science Club;
   (c) Students’ Medical Club;
   (d) Students’ Dental Club;
   (e) Students’ Law Club;
   (f) Students’ Business Club;
   (g) Students’ Design and Engineering Club;
   (h) Students’ Computing Club;
   (i) Students’ NUS College Club;
   (j) Students’ Conservatory Club;
   (k) Students’ Sports Club;
   (l) Students’ Cultural Activities Club;
   (m) Students’ Community Service Club; and
   (n) Students’ Political Association.

2. A Constituent Body may not be dissolved except by a resolution of the Board of Trustees.

Membership

3. Membership of the Union and its Constituent Bodies shall be confined to registered full-time undergraduate students of the University for whom membership shall be compulsory.

4. A student who has ceased to be a full-time registered student by reason only of his having completed his undergraduate course of study may, at the absolute discretion of the President, be deemed eligible to continue his membership of the Union until the date of the election of the next Union Council (defined below) or until such other date as the President may designate by instrument in writing.

5. Members of the Union shall be members of the Constituent Body relevant to the Faculty in which they are registered students. Membership in one or more of the other Constituent Bodies listed in paragraphs 1(k), (l), (m) and (n) of this Regulation shall be optional provided that membership of the Students’ Political Association shall be confined only to members of the Union who are Singapore citizens.

Management Committees

6. Each Constituent Body shall be managed by a “Management Committee” consisting of students elected by members of that Constituent Body and/or students co-opted pursuant to paragraph 7 of this Regulation. The President of a Management Committee shall be an elected member.
7. The elected members of a Management Committee shall have powers to co-opt additional members into the Management Committee for the proper administration of the Constituent Body but such co-opted members shall have no voting rights.

8. The size of each Management Committee shall be as follows:

   (a) a Constituent Body listed in paragraphs 1(a) to (j) of this Regulation that has 1,500 members or less shall have at least four but no more than fifteen Management Committee members (whether elected or co-opted);

   (b) a Constituent Body listed in paragraphs 1(a) to (j) of this Regulation that has more than 1,500 members shall have at least sixteen but no more than thirty Management Committee members (whether elected or co-opted); and

   (c) a Constituent Body listed in paragraphs 1(k), (l), (m) or (n) of this Regulation shall have at least four but no more than thirty Management Committee members (whether elected or co-opted).

Union Council

9. The Union shall be managed by a “Union Council” consisting of the following:

   (a) “Union Representatives” elected from each of the Management Committees by members of the respective Management Committees, the ratio of Union Representatives in relation to the size of a Management Committee being 1:5 or part thereof, subject to a maximum of four Union Representatives from each Management Committee. The President of each Management Committee shall be a Union Representative. Co-opted members on any Management Committee shall not increase the proportion of Union Representatives to be elected from that Management Committee and shall not be eligible for election to the Union Council.

   (b) members of an “Executive Committee” (who shall not concurrently be members of a Management Committee) elected from each of the Constituent Bodies by members of the respective Constituent Bodies. The number of Executive Committee members to be elected shall be determined in accordance with the size of the membership of each body, the ratio being one Executive Committee member to be elected from a Constituent Body with up to one thousand members and two Executive Committee members from a Constituent Body with more than one thousand members. Notwithstanding this ratio, there shall be two Executive Committee members elected from each of the Constituent Bodies listed in paragraphs 1(l), (m), (n) and (o) of this Regulation.

10. A member of the Union shall not be eligible for election to the Union Council or Executive Committee if he is:

   (a) found guilty of a disciplinary offence under the provisions of the Statute on Discipline with Respect to Students; or

   (b) under academic warning or probation (or repeating a course of study, if he is from a non-modular Faculty) in the year of election.

Governance Documents

11. The Union and its Constituent Bodies may amend, vary, introduce or promulgate its constitutions subject to the prior approval in writing of the Board of Trustees. Such approval in writing of the Board of Trustees shall also be required to amend, vary, introduce or promulgate rules of the Union relating to discipline, elections, finance, meetings, referendums,
the Union Council, the Executive Committee, Management Committees and standing committees. For the purposes of this paragraph 11, the term “rule” means any written law or regulations of the Union.

12. The Office of Student Affairs or such body or persons as the Board of Trustees may designate in writing shall:

(a) maintain and publish copies of the constitutions, rules, policies, guidelines, codes of conduct or procedures of the Union and its Constituent Bodies; and

(b) compile and maintain an archive of copies of the constitutions, rules, policies, guidelines, codes of conduct or procedures of the Union and its Constituent Bodies.

Such copies or any such material archived as are maintained shall for all purposes be the sole and only proper constitutions, rules, policies, guidelines, codes of conduct or procedures of the Union and its Constituent Bodies that would be applicable at the relevant time.

Use of University Premises or Facilities

13. The Board of Trustees may assign to the Union the use of any University building or room on such conditions and for such periods as it thinks fit and may, in its absolute discretion, withdraw any such assignment at any time without giving reasons.

14. Except with the approval of the Dean of Students, no meeting to which members of the general public, not being students, are invited shall be held on University premises. This shall not apply to attendance at meetings of a University society by members of the society who are not students.

Finances

15. The Union subscriptions shall be collected and retained by the University in the respective accounts of the Union and its Constituent Bodies.

16. The Union and its Constituent Bodies shall each submit a budget in accordance with its programme of activities and within the limits of its financial resources for the approval of the following persons at the beginning of each academic year:

(a) the Dean of Faculty or equivalent in the case of the Constituent Bodies listed in paragraphs 1(a) to (j) of this Regulation; and

(b) the Dean of Students in the case of the Union and the Constituent Bodies listed in paragraphs 1(k), (l), (m) and (n) of this Regulation.

17. All payments in respect of expenditure properly incurred by the Union and its Constituent Bodies shall be made by the University from the appropriate accounts of the Union and its Constituent Bodies.

18. All donations to, and funds raised by, the Union and its Constituent Bodies shall be collected and retained by the University in the respective accounts of the Union and its Constituent Bodies.

(B) OTHER STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

19. No University society shall be formed without the approval of the President or continue in existence if such approval is withdrawn.

20. No University society shall, without the approval of the President, affiliate with any society which is not a University society.
21. Except with the approval of the Dean of Students, no meeting to which members of the general public, not being students, are invited shall be held in the University premises. This shall not apply to attendance at meetings of a University society by members of the society who are not students.