

# Bylaws – Buffalo Club, University of Alberta

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## **0.1 The Buffalo Club, University of Alberta**

### **0.1.1 The Buffalo Club**

This Constitution governs the Buffalo Club, University of Alberta.

### **0.1.2 Purpose**

The Buffalo Club, University of Alberta is intended to be an inter-faculty social group.

## **0.2 Membership**

### **0.2.1 Qualifications**

Membership in the Buffalo Club is open to all students at the University of Alberta who wish to be members, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

### **0.2.2 Honorary**

Former members of the Buffalo Club, University of Alberta are honorary members of the Buffalo Club. Voting privileges may be extended to honorary members by General Meetings, subject to the rules of the Students' Union and University concerning membership requirements.

### **0.2.3 Voting Rights**

Each member of the Buffalo Club, and each honorary member of the Buffalo Club to whom voting privileges have been extended, has one unit of *quorum* for the purpose of calculating *quorum density* and may cast one vote.

### **0.2.4 Expulsion**

Members and honorary members may be expelled from the Buffalo Club by resolution of a General Meeting, on recommendation by the Executive Committee.

## **0.3 Executive**

### **0.3.1 Composition**

The Executive Committee is composed of the President, the Left-Hand Man, the Right-Hand Man, the Vice-President (Finance), and the Vice-President (Operations). Each member of the Executive Committee holds one unit of *executive quorum* for the purposes of determining *executive quorum density*.

### **0.3.2 President**

The President is the chief executive of the Buffalo Club and is responsible for ensuring the faithful execution of this Constitution and those Bylaws enacted by the General Meetings.

### **0.3.3 Left-Hand Man**

The Left-Hand Man is responsible for representing the interests of right-handed members. The Left-Hand Man may be either male or female.

### **0.3.4 Right-Hand Man**

The Right-Hand Man is responsible for representing the interests of left-handed members. The Right-Hand Man may be either male or female.

### **0.3.5 Vice-President (Finance)**

The Vice-President (Finance) is responsible for the Buffalo Club's accounting and financial records.

### **0.3.6 Vice-President (Operations)**

The Vice-President (Operations) is responsible for the Buffalo Club's operations and events.

### **0.3.7 Appointments**

The Executive Committee is appointed and removed by General Meetings, by simple majority of the membership present.

## 0.4 General Meetings

### 0.4.1 Powers

A General Meeting has plenary authority over the Buffalo Club, and may exercise such authority through Bylaws of the Buffalo Club. It may also set Standing Orders for the conduct of the General Meeting's business, and make motions concerning the conduct of business of the Buffalo Club. All voting of the General Meeting, except for amending the Constitution or when specified otherwise by its rules, is by simple majority.

### 0.4.2 When Held

A General Meeting is held on the recommendation of the Executive Committee with two weeks' notice, or upon popular demand by means of exceeding the required quorum density.

### 0.4.3 Required Meetings

At least one General Meeting shall be held during each of the Fall and Winter terms of the University of Alberta's academic year.

### 0.4.4 Minutes

Minutes of the General Meetings shall be recorded.

## 0.5 Rules of Order

### 0.5.1 Rules Adopted

*Beauchesne's* Rules of Order are adopted, except when modified by this Constitution, the Bylaws, or Standing Orders.

### 0.5.2 Quorum Density

*Quorum density* is defined as the number of *quorum units* per unit volume, calculated by

$$Q_{density} = \frac{N_{units}}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3}$$

where  $N_{units}$  is the number of *quorum units* within the given *quorum radius*, measured from the centroid of the President, or alternatively, the member present of the Buffalo Club

with the most seniority. Those members making up the quorum must be able to communicate verbally without need of amplification or means of transmission other than air.

### 0.5.3 Quorum Radii

The minimum quorum radius is one metre for Executive Committee, and two metres for General Meetings. The Executive Committee is empowered to make binding decisions when the minimum quorum radius is met and  $Q_{density_{executive}} \geq \frac{e}{\frac{4}{3}\pi}$ . A General Meeting is empowered to make binding decisions when the minimum quorum radius is met and  $Q_{density} \geq \frac{\pi}{\frac{4}{3}\pi}$ .

## 0.6 Amendments to the Constitution

### 0.6.1 How Amended

Amendments to this Constitution are adopted by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  supermajority in a General Meeting, held with not less than two weeks' notice to the members of the Buffalo Club.