

# CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT ACTION FOR ABORIGINES ORGANISATION

## I OBJECTS:

To arouse public attention, especially within the University to fundamental aboriginal problems in health, education, housing etc.

To break down social discriminatory barriers to the extent possible by student actions.

To stimulate the interest of aborigines in improving their situation within society.

## II MEMBERSHIP:

Open to all members of Sydney University and to students and staff of Sydney Teachers' College. The annual subscription is five shillings (fifty cents).

## III RULES:

1. The affairs of the Organisation shall be conducted by a committee elected at each Annual General Meeting, except those affairs which, according to the rules, must be exercised by the Organisation in General Meeting.

2. a) The Committee shall consist of:

- (i) President
- (ii) Vice-President
- (iii) Secretary
- (iv) Assistant Secretary
- (v) Treasurer
- (vi) Publicity Officer
- (vii) Up to six (6) ordinary committee members.

b) Positions (i) to (vi) inclusive shall be deemed to constitute the Executive.

c) The election of office-bearers shall be conducted so as to ensure that ~~a majority of neither the Executive nor the Committee shall belong to any one political organisation within the University.~~ *a general meeting of group may move a note of no confidence in the committee on the basis that it is*

d) The Committee may, by vote, fill any casual vacancies on the Executive. *basis that it is*

e) The Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees *exercising political* and to define their duties. Members of the Executive shall be *ex-officio* members of all sub-committees. *basis of*

f) A prominent person may be invited by the Organisation in *notice by mail.* General Meeting to hold the position of Patron.

3. a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the end of April each year, and General Meetings at such times as the Committee may direct. A Special General Meeting must be held if a requisition in writing for such be made to the Secretary by not less than ten (10) members.

b) At least ten days' notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Organisation must be given by the Secretary by posting to each member's registered address.

c) The Executive shall advertise all other meetings of the Organisation by placing prominent notices on the University notice-boards.

d) The business at the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- (i) Reception of reports from the President and/or Secretary.
- (ii) Reception of audited financial statement from the Treasurer.
- (iii) Election of office bearers.
- (iv) Appointment of an auditor.
- (v) Any other business.

4. a) A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be ~~five~~ *7* provided ~~two~~ are members of the Executive. For a General Meeting of the Organisation a quorum shall be ~~ten~~ *20 of 43* and if a quorum is not present within twenty minutes of the announced time of starting, the meeting shall be adjourned to a date not less than fourteen days ahead when the business may be concluded even in default of a quorum.

b) Decisions at all meetings, except those amending the Constitution, shall be by a simple majority of those voting, the President having a casting vote in the event of equal voting.

c) The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those voting at a General Meeting at any time, provided that written notice of the substance of the proposed amendment has been given to all members at least ten days before the meeting at which the amendment is considered.

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d) The Committee may withhold or withdraw membership subject to ratification at the next General Meeting of the Organisation.

5. The Organisation shall not be affiliated with, nor influenced by, any society, person or persons external to the University or Sydney Teachers' College.