# CONSTITUTION OF PHILOSOPHY CLUB

# XIAN JIAOTONG LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

- Article I. Name of Organization: PHILOSOPHY CLUB (PHC)
- Article II. Statement of Purpose:
  - Section 1. To provide a platform for philosophy enthusiasts to discussion and make progress.
  - Section 2. To provide the students opportunities for association and interaction with the faculty and administrative staff of XJTLU.
  - Section 3. To promote ethical leadership and achievement, and to cultivate civic responsibility.
  - Section 4. To Promote socialism with Chinese characteristics and adhere to the core socialist values.
  - Section 5. To promote the ability in critical thinkng and peroneal horizon, thus can able to preparing for future shocks.
- Article III. Membership:
  - Section 1. The organization is free to accept new members without regard to race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, color, age, gender, marital status, citizenship, or disability .
  - Section 2. Regular membership is limited to XJTLU students and staff of XJTLU . All regular members must be in good academic standing with the university.
  - Section 3. Each member has equal rights and privileges.
  - Section 4. Faculty and staff of XJTLU are eligible to be normal members.
  - Section 5.For organization to be recognized by XJTLU a minimum of ten 10XJTLU students need to be regular members.

- Article IV. Officers:
  - Section 1. Executive Board shall be the President, Treasurer Supervisor, Publicity Supervisor, Liaison Department, Administrative department.
  - Section 2. Decision-making Committee shall include at least 5% of all club members and have three permanent seats which is club advisor, secretary, executive board president.

### Article V. Meetings:

- Section 1. An Officer Meeting should be held at least once per month during the academic year. A General Membership Meeting should be held at least once per semester.
- Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President or a member. All members must be given a minimum of 48 hours notice, weekends and holidays excluded, prior to the meeting time.

## Article VI. Executive Board:

- Section 1. The Executive Board should obey commands from The Decision Making Committee .
- Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet no less than once a month during the academic year. Meetings of the board shall be open to any member but member can't concurrently serve as the Executive Board Committee and Decision making Committee except president.
- Section 3. After the appropriation by the Decision Making Committee, the use of funds below 500 RMB within the budget requires approval from either the Treasurer supervisor or the President. For amounts above 500 RMB, it shall be reported to the Decision Making Committee for decision.

Article VII. Decision-making Committee

- Section 1. All proposals need to be presented and voted on in the Decisionmaking Committee. After the vote, the results will be handed over to the Executive Board for execution
- Section 2. The Decision-making Committee adheres to the principle of democratic centralism and makes decisions in a case-by-case manner. Non-elected members except the secretary and the president have two votes, and the secretary and the president have three votes. Elected members have one vote.
- Section 3. Accepting to a normal proposals requires more than half of the members to attend the meeting(secretary or president must present), and more than half of the general members to vote in favor
- Article VIII. Method to Amend the Constitution:
  - Section 1. Proposed constitutional amendments made by a Decision Making Committee member shall be presented to the Decision Making Committee, in writing, one meeting before it may be voted upon.
  - Section 2. Approval by two-thirds of the voting members present at a regular Decision Making Committee meeting shall pass a proposed amendment .
  - Section 3. Approval by the Academic Club Council is needed to change the constitution.
- Article IX. Succession of officers:
  - Section 1. In the event of permanent incapacitation, resignation, or removal from office, the line of temporary succession shall be as follows: President, Secretary, Treasurer Supervisor, Publicity Supervisor.
  - Section 2. Upon the vacancy of any office, a new candidate will be elected at the next regular Decision-making Committee meeting or at a its special meeting.

## **BYLAWS OF PHILOSOPHY CLUB**

## XI'AN JIAOTONG LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

#### Bylaw I. Membership:

- Section 1. The club formally provides two distinct tiers of membership, namely the Regular Membership and the Honorary Membership. Regular membership must be a registry student in XJTLU and honorary membership accept any potential participants.
- Section 2. The acquisition of member qualification and voluntary exit Membership requires a fee of 50 RMB and approval from the Decision Making Committee. All members who intend to exit from the club are required to submit an official written notification. The exit becomes effective after a period of one month from the date of receipt of such notice. Furthermore, it is important to note that the member fee of 50 RMB is non-refundable.
- Section 3. The rights of memberships. All regular members are entitled to the right to vote, partial right to be elected, the right to participate, the right to express themselves, the right to supervise and the right to put forward suggestions. All honorary members are entitled to the right to participate, the right to express themselves, the right to supervise and the right to put forward suggestion.
- Section 4. The compulsory of members. Regular members have the right to make suggestions about the club activities after they take part in. Honary members always have the right to make suggestions.
- Section 5. Up to a maximum of 20 percent of the members of Philosophy Club may be individuals who are not XJTLU students, e.g., community members, students at other colleges.

Section 6. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the organization for conduct contrary to the constitution of the organization or conduct that grossly impairs the rights of the members to enjoy the benefits of the organization. The impeach must be submitted in writing by a member. After the impeach has been submitted to the Decision Making Committee, the member who is impeached have the right to argue before the Decision Making Committee at a regular meeting and may be suspended or expelled only upon the affirmative vote of half of the voting members present. The impeached member has the right to lodge an appeal at a regular meeting, and such impeached members shall be reinstated only if the suspension or expulsion is overturned by Decision Making Committee.

### Bylaw II. Decision-making Committee

- Section 1. The Decision-making Committee is the supreme authority of this club and has the power to decide on all matters of the club. The Decision-making Committee is vested with the highest decisionmaking authority, the highest power of determination, the highest power of appointment and removal, and the highest power of supervision. All organs of this club are created by the Decisionmaking Committee, are responsible to the Decision-making Committee, are under the leadership of the Decision-making Committee, and are subject to the supervision of the Decisionmaking Committee.
- Section 2. Composition of the Decision-making Committee. The Decisionmaking Committee is composed of elected committee members and non-elected committee members. Elected members account for sixty percent of the total number of the Decision-making Committee, and non-elected members account for forty percent. Among them, the secretary and the president are non-elected members. At the same time, except for the president, no member may hold positions in both the Executive Board and the Decisionmaking Committee.
- Section 3. Number and seats of the Decision-making Committee. The committee-making Committee is composed of at least no less

than five percent of the people in the club. At the same time, three fixed seats are established - secretary, president, and advisors.

- Section 4. Decision Making and voting principles of the Decision-making Committee. The Decision-making Committee adheres to the principle of democratic centralism and makes decisions in a caseby-case manner. Non-elected members except the secretary and the president have two votes, and the secretary and the president have three votes. Elected members have one vote.
- Section 5. The secretary of the Decision-Making Committee is elected by voting of the Decision-making Committee. The secretary is responsible for presiding over and recording meetings and reporting on behalf of the Decision-making Committee to members. At the same time, the secretary has three votes in the voting of the Decision-making Committee.
- Section 6. Powers and responsibilities of members of the Decision-Making Committee. All members enjoy the right to propose, inquire, vote, and supervise.
- Section 7. Only the Decision-Making Committee has the right to make supplementary BYLAWS of all regulations of the club.
- Section 8. The Decision-Making Committee is responsible to all members and is supervised by all members. It must report on work to all club members at least once a month.

### Bylaw III. Officers:

Section 1. The Executive Board is responsible for matters stipulated in the charter and those authorized by the Decision Making Committee. The Executive Board mainly consists of the President, Treasurer, Treasurer Supervisor, Publicity Supervisor, External Liaison Department, Administrative department, and institution established with the approval of the Decision Making Committee for special matters. The Executive Board is led by the Decision Making Committee and is supervised by it. All appointments and

removals of positions in the Executive Board are determined by the Decision Making Committee.

- Section 2. The power and responsibility of Treasurer Supervisor. The Treasurer Supervisor has the authority to allocate funds within the budget and up to 500 RMB in total for activities and when above 500 RMB Treasurer Supervisor should have the acceptance form Decision Making Committee. The finance manager is entitled to select a financial supervisor from among the volunteers within the membership, for activities approved by the Decision Making Committee, but also bears the responsibility for ensuring the selected individual meets the qualifications for the supervisor role.
- Section 3. Powers and Responsibilities of the Publicity Supervisor. The official WeChat account of the club is under the responsibility of the Publicity Supervisor. The Publicity Supervisor has the power to review submissions and release posts. However, they are required to report to the Decision Making Committee once a week on work including but not limited to reviewed content and data of the official account. At the same time, the Publicity Supervisor has the right to select a person who meets publicity requirements as the person in charge from those interested in activities approved by the Decision Making Committee. There are also other powers and responsibilities permitted by the Decisionmaking Committee.
- Section 4. Powers and Responsibilities of the Administrative Department. The Administrative Department is responsible for providing matters that require support from the school for club activities. It is also accountable to the President and the Decision-making Committee. There are also other powers and responsibilities permitted by the Decision Making Committee.
- Section 5. Powers and Responsibilities of the External Liaison Department. The External Liaison Department is responsible for connecting with other clubs or off-campus organizations and is accountable to the Decision-making Committee. There are also other powers and responsibilities permitted by the Decision Making Committee.

- Section 6. Powers and Responsibilities of the President. The president is obligated to assume responsibility for the risks associated with club activities. As the representative of the club in external activities, the president holds the power to participate on behalf of the club. Moreover, the president is entitled to three votes in the voting process of the Decision Making Committee. There are also other powers and responsibilities conferred by the Decision Making Committee. Additionally, on a weekly basis, the president must present a work report to the Decision Making Committee, report and provide feedback on work, be subject to the supervision of the Decision Making Committee, and respond to inquiries from committee members.
- Section 7. To be eligible for office in the organization, a candidate for office must be a full-time student in good academic standing.

Bylaw IV. Advisors:

Section 1.	There shall be at least one advisor from the faculty or
	administrative staff of XJTLU elected by the organization.

- Section 2. The advisors shall serve a term of one year and will be elected at the meeting of Decision Making Committee
- Section 3. The advisor(s) shall be ex-officio, non-voting member(s).

Bylaw V Generation and Abdication of Officials

- Section 1. Generation of the executive board officials. Executive board officials are appointed by the Decision-making Committee. The term of officials is one semester. After one semester, the Decision-making Committee will re-appoint them, and they can be re-elected.
- Section 2. Abdication of the executive board. Abdication will be processed if one of the following circumstances is met: 1. For those who apply for resignation, they will automatically abdicate 30 days after the resignation announcement is submitted to the Decision-making Committee, and the resignation announcement cannot be withdrawn. 2. Being impeached by five or more members of the

Decision-making Committee and the impeachment is effective. 3. Being impeached by 30 or more members and the impeachment is effective.

- Section 3. Generation of Decision-making Committee members. Committee members are elected. Elections are held once a year, and they are generated from candidates by voting of all members. Non-elected members are appointed according to contribution degree calculation. Based on the number of open positions each year, they are appointed in descending order of contribution degree. The contribution degree is announced, adjusted and accumulated by the Decision-making Committee every month. The term of office of the Decision-making Committee is one year, and they can be re-elected for at most one term.
- Section 4. Abdication of Decision-making Committee members. Abdication will be processed if one of the following circumstances is met: 1. For those who apply for resignation, they will automatically abdicate 30 days after the resignation announcement is submitted to the Decision-making Committee, and the resignation announcement cannot be withdrawn. 2. Being impeached by five or more members of the Decision-making Committee and the impeachment is effective. 3. Being impeached by 30 or more members and the impeachment is effective. 3. If more than twothirds of the members impeach the Decision-making Committee members or the committee, all impeached objects will resign.
- Section 5. Formulation of contribution degree and scope of application. The Decision-making Committee is responsible for formulating the contribution degree system for the next stage of the association. Its scope of application includes all members except the Decision-making Committee members.

Bylaw VI. Management of club assets

- Section1. The assets of the club include club real estate and club movable property.
- Section 2. The Custody Right of Club Assets. The custody right of club assets belongs to the decision-making committee. The decision-making

committee is required to ensure the proper maintenance of club assets and supervise the proper utilization of club assets. On this basis, the decision-making committee shall report the status of club assets to all club members.

Section 3. The Management of Club Working Capital. The club's working capital account is under the supervision of the decision-making committee, and the decision-making committee shall report the property status of the account to club members.

#### Bylaw VII Quorum

- Section 1. All meeting of Decision Making Committee should be held at least half of Decision Making Committee members.
- Section 2. All All general meetings must be attended by at least two-thirds of the members.
- Bylaw VII. Parliamentary Authority:
  - Section 1. Source of authority shall be Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised.
- Bylaw IX. Method to Amend the Bylaws:
  - Section 1. Proposed bylaw amendments made by a Decision Making Committee member shall be presented to the meeting, in writing, one meeting before it may be voted upon.
  - Section 2. Approval by two-thirds of the Decision Making Committee members present at a meeting shall pass a proposed amendment.
  - Section 3. Approval by the Academic Club Council is needed to change the bylaws.