

CONSTITUTION OF Philosophy Club
XI'AN JIAOTONG LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Philosophy Club (PHC) of Xi'an Jiaotong
Liverpool University.

Article II. Statement of Purpose

Section 1. The Philosophy Club aims to provide a communication and learning
platform for philosophy enthusiasts, expand philosophical knowledge, and
enhance critical thinking skills.

Section 2. To enhance members' sense of social responsibility and rational
thinking ability.

Section 3. To provide students with opportunities for association and interaction
with the faculty and administrative staff of XJTLU.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. The organization is open to accept new members without regard to
race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, color, age, gender, marital status,
citizenship, or disability. Membership is subject to the conditions outlined in the
Bylaws.

Section 2. Regular membership is limited to currently enrolled XJTLU students
who are in good academic standing with the university.

Section 3. Each regular member has equal rights and privileges, including the
right to vote and hold office.

Section 4. Honorary members do not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 5. For the organization to be recognized by XJTLU, a minimum of ten (10) XJTLU students must be regular members.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The Secretariat shall be composed of five officers: President (who also serves as the General Secretary), Vice President, Financial Secretary, Activity Secretary, and Publicity Secretary.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. Officer Meetings shall be held at least once per month during the academic year. A General Membership Meeting shall be held at least once per semester.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President. All members must be given a minimum of 48 hours' notice (excluding weekends and holidays) prior to the meeting.

Article VI. The Secretariat

Section 1. The officers shall constitute the Secretariat. Each officer shall have one vote on Secretariat matters. The President may veto decisions of the Secretariat; such a veto may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the entire Secretariat. *The veto power shall not apply to decisions made by the general membership, election results, or procedures for amending the Constitution.*

Section 2. The Secretariat shall meet no less than once a month during the academic year. Meetings shall be open to all members.

Section 3. Disbursements of 200 RMB or less require approval by both the President and the Financial Secretary. In the Financial Secretary's absence, the Vice President may provide the second signature. Expenditures between 201 RMB and 500 RMB require approval by a simple majority of the Secretariat. Following such approval, the expenditure must be finalized with the signatures of both the President and the Financial Secretary. In the Financial Secretary's absence, the Vice President may provide the second signature. Expenditures exceeding 500 RMB require prior approval by a majority of the Regular Members present at a General Membership Meeting where a quorum is established. Following such approval, the expenditure must be finalized with the signatures of both the President and the Financial Secretary or Vice President. In the Financial Secretary's absence, the Vice President may provide the second signature.

Section 4. The Secretariat shall serve as the primary planning and executive committee of the organization.

Article VII. Method to Amend the Constitution

Section 1. Proposed constitutional amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretariat and presented to the general membership at least one meeting prior to the vote.

Section 2. An amendment shall be adopted upon approval by two-thirds of the voting members present at a regular meeting where a quorum is established.

Section 3. Final approval by the Academic Club Council of XJTLU is required for any amendment to take effect.

Article VIII. Succession of Officers

Section 1. In the event of a temporary or permanent vacancy in any office, the line of succession shall be: President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Activity Secretary, Publicity Secretary. The successor will exercise all rights of the position

and assume all responsibilities until the vacancy is filled. In the case of a permanent vacancy, a permanent replacement shall be elected pursuant to Section 2.

Section 2. A permanent replacement shall be elected at the next regular or special meeting following the vacancy.

Article IX. Statement of Affiliation

This organization is not affiliated with any national or other off-campus organization.

BYLAWS OF Philosophy Club

XI'AN JIAOTONG LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

Bylaw I. Membership

Section 1. There shall be two types of membership: Regular and Honorary. Regular membership is open to XJTLU students. Honorary membership may be granted to other individuals, including XJTLU faculty, staff, and community members, at the discretion of the Secretariat. Only regular members may vote or hold office.

Section 2. Any person seeking membership must submit an application to a club officer. Membership is confirmed upon approval by the Secretariat, payment of the membership fee.

Section 3. Any member may resign by submitting a written resignation to the Secretariat.

Section 4. No more than 20% of the total membership (**i.e., the combined number of Regular and Honorary members**) may consist of **honorary members**.

Section 5. A member may be suspended or expelled for conduct contrary to this constitution or that undermines the organization's purpose. The process requires a written complaint, a hearing before the Secretariat, and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Secretariat for removal. The member has the right to appeal the decision at a subsequent meeting.

Bylaw II. Dues

Section 1. The annual membership dues shall be 50 RMB, payable upon joining.

Section 2. The amount of dues may be changed by a majority vote of the Secretariat, subject to approval by a majority vote of regular members present at a general meeting.

Bylaw III. Officers: Duties and Elections

Section 1. President: The chief executive officer, presiding over meetings, representing the club, and having general supervision of the club's affairs. The General Secretary has the final decision-making authority within the bounds set by the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. Vice President: Records minutes of meetings, maintains non-financial records, and assists the President. Presides over meetings in the absence of the President.

Section 3. Financial Secretary: Manages all financial accounts, prepares budgets, and provides financial reports. All disbursements require the signatures of both the Financial Secretary and the President. For any expenditure exceeding **500 RMB**, the approval of a majority of the regular members present at a General

Membership Meeting, as required by **Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution**, must be obtained prior to obtaining the signatures.

Section 4. Publicity Secretary: Manages all club publicity, including social media, promotional materials, and internal communications.

Section 5. Activity Secretary: Organizes club activities, liaises with other organizations, and reviews member-proposed activities.

Section 6. Officer Eligibility: Candidates must be full-time XJTLU students in good academic standing.

Section 7. Term of Office: Officers serve for one academic year. No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 8. Removal: An officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Secretariat following a petition signed by one-third of the regular members and a fair hearing.

Bylaw IV. Advisor

Section 1. The club shall have at least one advisor from the XJTLU faculty or administrative staff.

Section 2. The advisor shall be selected by the Secretariat and serves as a non-voting ex-officio member.

Bylaw V. Quorum

Section 1. A quorum for General Membership Meetings shall consist of more than half of the regular members.

Section 2. Unless otherwise specified, a majority vote consists of more than half of the votes cast by members present when a quorum exists.

Bylaw VI. Elections

Section 1. Annual elections for all offices shall be held each academic year.

Section 2. At least one week's notice must be given for the election meeting.

Section 3. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.