

## **Amendment XIII – Co-Presidency**

### *Section 1 – Form of Amendment*

By unanimous consent of the Politburo, the constitution is hereby amended pursuant to Article XI Section 1.

### *Section 2 – Presidency and Vice Presidency Replaced By Co-Presidency*

- a. Article III Section 2 is repealed.
- b. Article III Section 3 is repealed.
- c. The following section is inserted between Sections 1 and 4 of Article III:

### *Section 2β – The Presidents*

- a. **There are two Presidents. The singular phrase ‘the President’ hereinafter refers to either President acting with the consent of the other.**
- b. **One President serves a term of office beginning on the day after the end of the spring quarter, and ending on the last day of the spring quarter of the subsequent calendar year. This President is hereinafter the June President and this office the June Presidency where a distinction is made between the Presidents for the purposes of this constitution.**
- c. **One President serves a term of office beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on the last day of February of the subsequent calendar year. This President is hereinafter the March President and this office the March Presidency where a distinction is made between the Presidents for the purposes of this constitution.**
- d. **The Presidents shall coordinate with each other to accomplish the duties of the Presidency as specified in this section. If the Presidents cannot agree over a course of action, then the matter shall be decided by a simple majority of the officers of the Politburo, including the Presidents.**
- e. **The Presidents direct the officers and preside over all meetings of the Politburo, which they shall convene pursuant to Section 1 of this article in order to conduct the business of the club.**
- f. **The Presidents and the Squad Captains shall determine the schedule of activities during club practices.**
- g. **The Presidents may remove officers or Squad Captains in accordance with Article IX. This procedure may be used to remove a President, in which case the matter shall be decided in accordance with Subsection D of this section.**
- h. **The Presidents shall determine the amount of club dues in accordance with Article V.**
- i. **The Presidents shall act as liaison to the Club Sports Office.**
- j. **The Presidents shall secure a venue for club practices and for club-sponsored events.**
- k. **Every intercollegiate competition in which club members participate on behalf of the Fencing Club at UCI shall be attended by at least one President.**

- l. The Presidents shall determine and announce the date of upcoming elections in accordance with Article IV Section 2 Subsections A and B.**
- m. The Presidents shall maintain a club website. They shall publish on this website a current version of this constitution. They shall also publish on the website the current quarterly budget as well as a current record of all financial transactions to which the club is party.**
- n. The Presidents shall direct the treasurer to create a budget and to present it at a meeting of the Politburo officers that the Presidents shall schedule before the end of the first week of each quarter.**
- o. At the beginning of each quarter the Presidents shall audit the previous quarter's financial records by comparing them against a statement of the club's ASUCI account obtained from the ASUCI office, and against a record obtained from the Club Sports office of the club's use of its Campus Recreation allocation. The audit's purpose is to discover any of the following: (i) discrepancies between the club's records and the records obtained from ASUCI and Campus Recreation, (ii) failure to spend funds allocated to the club by Campus Recreation, (iii) failure to pay coaches, (iv) duplicate reimbursements, (v) malfeasance. The Presidents shall schedule an officers' meeting before the end of the first week of each quarter to report the findings of this audit.**

*Section 3 – Politburo Section Reflects Reorganization*

- a. Article III Section 1 is repealed.
- b. The following section is inserted before Section 2 of Article III:

*Section 1β – The Politburo*

- a. The Politburo leads the club. Seven officers shall serve on the Politburo: two Presidents, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and three Armorers. The Politburo officers serve at the pleasure of the Presidents, who may remove them in accordance with Section 2 Subsection G of this article.**
- b. The Presidents shall convene the Politburo during the academic year at least once every three weeks regardless of the anticipated length of the agenda. If four weeks have passed during the academic year since the Politburo was last convened, the Secretary shall convene the Politburo as soon as possible and shall preside over the meeting if neither President is present.**
- c. The Secretary shall report at every Politburo meeting all upcoming deadlines imposed by this constitution, by UCI Club Sports, by ASUCI, by the Intercollegiate Fencing Conference of Southern California, and by USA Fencing.**
- d. The Presidents shall report at every Politburo meeting the concerns of the Squad Captains.**
- e. The Treasurer shall report at every Politburo meeting the current balance of the ASUCI account and the current balance of the Club Sports Allocation. The Treasurer shall also report budget overruns and underruns broken down by budget category.**

- f. **The Armorers shall report at every Politburo meeting the number of working and malfunctioning foils, epees, and sabres. The Armorers shall also report the number of working and malfunctioning body and mask cords. The Armorers shall in addition report whether anything must be purchased to repair or replace malfunctioning or missing equipment.**

*Section 4 – Vacancy Provisions Reflect Reorganization*

- a. Article III Section 7 Subsection A is repealed.
- b. The following subsection is inserted before Article III Section 7 Subsection B:
  - a. **Politburo officers may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to either President. Each President may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the other President.**
- c. Article III Section 7 Subsections E and F are repealed.
- d. The following is inserted before Article III Section 7 Subsection G:
  - e. **If an office becomes vacant before the general election of the current school year, then the office in question shall be filled by a timely special election scheduled by the Presidents. If the general election has already occurred, then the vacant office shall be filled by the appropriate officer-elect. For example, if the office of Secretary becomes vacant after the general election has been held, then the Secretary-Elect shall immediately become Secretary.**
  - f. **If the March and June Presidencies are simultaneously vacant, then the Secretary becomes the June President and the office of Secretary becomes vacant. If the office of Secretary is already vacant, then the Treasurer becomes the June President and the office of Treasurer becomes vacant. If the offices of Treasurer and Secretary are already vacant, then the Head Armorer becomes President and the office of Head Armorer becomes vacant. If no Armorer is Head, then the Armorer elected first becomes President and the office held by that Armorer prior to becoming President becomes vacant.**

*Section 5 –Reference to Webmaster Removed*

- a. In Article III Section 4 the word ‘Webmaster’ is replaced by ‘Presidents’.

*Section 6 –Superfluous Overrides Removed (Superfluous Due To Co-Presidency)*

- a. The following text is struck from Subsection A of Article IX Section 3: ‘The removal of any Politburo officer by the President or by the Head Armorer may be overridden by the unanimous opposition of the other Politburo officers not including the Politburo officer to be removed. The removal of a Politburo officer may be overridden in this manner at any time prior to the conclusion of the next special or general election, whichever comes first.’

- b. The following text is struck from Subsection C of Article IX Section 4: ‘The removal of any Squad Captain by the President may be overridden by the unanimous opposition of the Politburo officers. If the Squad Captain is a Politburo officer, then his removal may be overridden by the opposition of every Politburo officer except the President and the Squad Captain to be removed.’

*Section 7 – Term of Office Reflects March Presidency*

- a. Subsection A of Article IV Section 1y is repealed.
- b. The following subsection is inserted before Article IV Section 1y Subsection B:
  - a. **The term of Politburo offices aside from the Presidency shall begin on the first day after the end of the spring quarter of the calendar year of the general election, and shall end on the last day of the spring quarter of the following calendar year. The terms of the Presidents are as specified in Article III Section 2β Subsections B and C.**

*Section 8 – Election Procedure Adjusted*

- a. In Article IV Section 5 Subsection A, the text ‘the Presidency, the Vice Presidency’ is replaced by ‘the June Presidency, the March Presidency’.
- b. In Article IV Section 5 Subsection C, the text ‘highest-ranking officer’ is replaced by ‘longest serving President’.
- c. In Article IV Section 5 Subsection E Paragraph II, the text ‘verbally read verbatim’ is replaced by ‘faithfully summarize’.
- d. In Article IV Section 5 Subsection F Paragraph IV, the text ‘verbally read verbatim’ is replaced by ‘faithfully summarize’.

*Section 9 – Status of the Current President and Vice President*

- a. In the text of the title of Article IV Section 6, the text ‘Status of Officers Elected in the Spring of 2012’ is replaced with: ‘Status of Officers Elected Under Prior Constitutional Arrangements’
- b. The text of Article IV Section 6 is henceforth Subsection A of the aforesaid section.
- c. The following subsections are inserted after Article IV Section 6 Subsection A:
  - b. **The person elected President during the general election of 2017 is June President until the end of the term of the June Presidency in 2018.**
  - c. **The person elected Vice President during the general election of 2017 is March President until the end of the term of the March Presidency in 2018.**

*Section 10 – Ratification*

On this 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2017, we the officers of the Politburo do hereby ratify this thirteenth amendment to the constitution of the Fencing Club at UCI.

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