

Motion to fix grammatical and formatting errors in the constitution

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The society notes:

1. Many sections of the society's constitution contain grammatical and formatting errors.
 - a. 2.1 starts "The Society shall have written statement of aims and objectives providing a clear understanding of the society".
 - b. 2.5 reads "The Society shall be subject to a disciplinary code as laid down by the Students' Union and administered by the Societies Executive."
 - c. 3.3 reads "[...] joined the society and paid the appropriate subscription fee no less than three days [...]".
 - d. 3.5 contains "If the minimum membership is not met a meeting with the Society, Societies Coordinator and Societies Officer will be scheduled to discuss the future of the Society."
 - e. Sections 4.4.* are each separated by a new line, except sections 4.4.6 and 4.4.7.
 - f. Sections 1.1, 2.1, 2.2.*, 3.4.*, 4.2.*, (excluding 4.2.g and 4.2.h), 4.3.*, 4.4.* (excluding 4.4.4.c and 4.4.5.*), 5.3, 5.8, 6.1, and 6.5 do not end in a full stop.
 - g. Section 6.2 reads "Votes will be counted a Single Transferrable Vote electoral system."
 - h. Section 6.3 is not in bold typeface, whereas similar subtitles throughout the constitution are.

The society believes:

1. Grammar and formatting are important for any document, especially binding rule documents.
2. Bad grammar and formatting can introduce ambiguities, which are not desired in a constitutional document.
3. Disciplinary codes are not laid down, they are laid out.

The society resolves:

1. The constitution should be updated to fix these errors, in the following manner:
 - a. 2.1 should read "The Society shall have written statement of aims and objectives, providing a clear understanding of the society".
 - b. 2.5 reads "The Society shall be subject to a disciplinary code as laid out by the Students' Union and administered by the Societies Executive."

- c. A clause should be introduced after section 3.3, stating “The subscription fee to join the society is £0.00.”.
- d. 3.5 contains “If the minimum membership is not met, a meeting with the Society, Societies Coordinator and Societies Officer will be scheduled to discuss the future of the Society.”.
- e. Sections 4.4.6 and 4.4.7 should be separated by a new line.
- f. Sections 1.1, 2.1, 2.2.*, 3.4.*, 4.2.*, (excluding 4.2.g and 4.2.h), 4.3.*, 4.4.* (excluding 4.4.4.c and 4.4.5.*), 5.3, 5.8, 6.1, and 6.5 should end in a full stop.
- g. Section 6.2 reads “Votes will be counted using a Single Transferrable Vote electoral system.”.
- h. Section 6.3 should be in a bold typeface.