

Society Charter

January 3, 2023

Article 1: Name of society

Section A

Makerere University Photonics Society (MUPhS)

Article 2: Society Purpose

Section A

To provide a forum for students interested in photonics and related fields to learn, network and engage with each other and professionals in the field. Students interested in fields such as nuclear energy, optical fibre, lasers, quantum, solar, biosensors only to mention but a few.

Section B

We hope to achieve this by,

1. Organising events such as workshops, webinars, seminar and paper contests to increase knowledge in photonics.
2. Establish and maintain relationships with professionals in the optics industry to provide opportunities for students to learn and engage with students in the field.
3. Encourage and support student participation in optics research and development projects.
4. Establish a mentorship program to provide guidance and support for students interested in pursuing careers in optics.
5. Facilitate networking and collaboration among students and professionals in the field.

Section C

By pursuing these activities we hope to create a vibrant and active community of students interested in optics and to provide them with resources and support where possibly can so that they succeed in their careers.

We aim at working together and leveraging the expertise and resources of our members and partners so as to make a meaningful contribution to photonics.

Article 3: Membership

Section A

Only Makerere University students can be members irrespective of the field of study.

Only active members vote and hold office.

Membership subscription renews annual at 10USD but free for first year.

Article 4: Officers/Elections

Section A

There shall be five student officers, the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Webmaster advised by a faculty member.

Section B

1. Advisor: Provide guidance in all activities and organisation of the society. May appoint or dismiss leaders.
2. President: Serves as official representative of the club. Convenes and chairs society meetings. Sets club meetings agendas. May propose and vote on all club matters.
3. Vice President: Assists club president with all club matters. May propose and vote on all club matters.
4. Treasurer: Handles all financial society matters. May propose and vote on all club matters.
5. Secretary: Records and distributes the minutes of all club meetings. May propose and vote on all club matters.
6. Webmaster: Updates the society social media handles and website. May propose and vote on all club matters.

Section C

Voting process will take place on IEEE vtools voting. Voting will take place at the start of a new academic year in August/September. Officers are eligible to stay in power for a maximum of two terms. A handover session is to be held to delegate new leaders.

Article 5: Meetings

Section A

Meetings will be held twice a month on Thursday afternoons.

Section B

Special meetings will be held. In case of an event or a proposal and mode of communication will be IEEE e-notice and WhatsApp.

Section C

Meetings must contain at least 51 percent attendance of the cabinet members and budget approvals require all six executives.

Article 6: Charter Amendments

Section A

An amendment may be initiated by any member of the club and approved by 2/3 of the available members at a meeting.

Section B

All amendments made will be shared to members via email through IEEE e-notice. The president will share a copy of the changed charter to the students guild.

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