

The Glasgow University Tech Society Constitution

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Chapter 1

Preamble

1.1 Name

The name of the society shall be the **Glasgow University Tech Society** (hereafter referred to as *the Society*) and shall be abbreviated as **GUTS**.

1.2 Equal Opportunities

The Society will provide and promote equal opportunities, whatever a persons race, operating system they use, colour, ethnicity or national origin, religion, beliefs, sex, age, sexuality, gender identity, HIV status, physical or mental disability, state of health, appearance, marital status or family circumstances.

1.3 Aims

The society's aims and purposes shall be:

1. to create within the University a platform for software and hardware development, IT startups and tech enterprise,
2. to broaden interest in Computing Science and related disciplines,
3. to informally introduce younger students to team programming and to give an opportunity to older students to learn team programming management,
4. to propagate open source movement,
5. and to collaborate on tech-related projects in:
 - (a) Web Development,
 - (b) Mobile Development,
 - (c) Open Hardware

- (d) Scientific Modelling,
- (e) Security and Cryptography,
- (f) and Game Development

1.4 Activities

The society will realise its aims and purposes through the following activities opened to all its members and optionally to wider public:

1. collaboration on programming projects by means of Distributed Version Control Managers,
2. hackathons,
3. workshops and other events engaging students, members of Computing Science Department staff and Scottish IT industry,
4. and LAN Parties.

Chapter 2

Members and Committee

2.1 Membership

1. Full membership shall be open to registered students of Glasgow University only.
2. Non-students may join as Associate members.
3. Associate members (non-students) shall not account for more than 20% of the total membership.

2.2 Governance

1. The Society shall be under the control of the membership.
2. The Society shall have four office-bearers: President, Treasurer, Secretary and Projects Officer.
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4. Any full member of the society is entitled to stand for the four office bearer positions.
5. All four office bearers shall be registered students at the University of Glasgow and shall not have opted out of SRC representation under the Education Act of 1994.
6. Any full member of the society is entitled to stand for the four office bearer positions.
7. No full member should be barred from standing for office in the society.

2.3 Committee and Responsibilities

1. The Society's Committee shall consist of: President, Treasurer, Secretary and Projects Officer.
2. The President:
 - (a) shall be the spokesperson for the Society.
 - (b) shall chair meetings of the Committee unless unavailable
 - (c) shall co-ordinate the work and activities of the Committee.
3. The Treasurer:
 - (a) shall maintain a record of the income and expenditure of the Society,
 - (b) shall be responsible for preparing the accounts and shall keep bank statements.
4. The Secretary:
 - (a) shall keep minutes of AGMs, EGMs and Committee Meetings,
 - (b) shall maintain an up to date membership list.
5. The Projects Officer:
 - (a) shall help any society's projects to apprehend any funding they might require,
 - (b) shall define and upon the Committee authorisation enforce the rules of project organisation.

Chapter 3

General Meetings and Elections

3.1 General Meetings

3.1.1 Annual General Meeting

1. The purpose of an Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to enable all members of the Society to discuss the previous years strengths and weakness, to discuss the future direction of the Society, to make any constitutional amendments, to elect the office bearers and to present the Societys financial statement. The membership must be given a financial statement on the years accounts.
2. Office bearers shall be elected by the membership at the AGM or at an EGM called to elect a replacement during the event of a vacancy. All office-bearers must initially be elected by the board and membership at the AGM. Those four office bearers named above must be elected by the membership, even in the event of a vacancy.
3. The Secretary shall give fourteen days notice of an AGM.

3.1.2 Extraordinary General Meeting

1. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called either by the Committee or by submission of a written request by 10% of the membership.
2. The Secretary shall give five working days notice of an EGM.
3. The quoracy of an EGM or AGM is 10% of the full membership.
4. Any member who is a registered student shall have full voting rights at the AGM or an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Club/Society.

5. At any General Meeting of the Society, the weight assigned to the total vote of Associate members shall not exceed 10% of the total voting members present.

3.2 Elections

Elections shall be by secret ballot.

Chapter 4

Constitutional Amendments

1. The membership may make constitutional amendments at any General Meeting by decision of the membership majority provided that quorum is met.
2. On receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the membership, the Secretary shall give five working days notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting to consider submitted amendments.
3. The Secretary shall give fourteen days notice of an AGM.