

**MAKERERE UNIVERISTY**



**RULE OF LAW**

**CLUB**

**CONSTITUTION**

**CONSTITUTION OF THE MAKERERE UNIVERISTY  
RULE OF LAW CLUB**

**The Preamble**

**WE THE MEMBERS OF THIS CLUB:**

**RECOGNISING** the importance of the rule of law as the foundation for the wellbeing and development of Uganda;

**COMMITTED** to ensuring the respect of rule of law by every individual on the principle of respect for human rights, unity, peace, equality, democracy, freedom, social justice and progress;

**NOTING** our right and responsibility of creating a better Uganda where the Law binds every person;

**WHEREFORE** we the members of the Rule of Law Club in furtherance of our goals and aspirations

**DO HEREBY**, in and through appending our signatures to this this Constitution, solemnly adopt, enact and give to ourselves and posterity, this Constitution of the Club on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, the year of our Lord Two Thousand and \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Establishment of the Club**

The Makerere University Rule of Law is hereby established as Rule of Law Club under the Uganda Law Society Rule of Law Clubs project.

The Constitution of the Rule of Law club shall be deposited with the Uganda Law Society for registration and issuance of certificate of recognition.

The Rule of Law Club shall at all times adhere to the governing institution policies and procedures.

## **2. Objects**

(1) The objects of the Club shall be as follows:

To foster an understanding of the rule of law amongst its members and encourage adherence and observation of the rule of law by all persons at all times.

To inculcate moral and ethical practice in the students thereby cultivating leaders who serve the community.

To become ambassadors of the Rule of Law in their communities and to always advocate for the respect of the rule of law by every person.

To participate in information, education and communication initiatives to extend the reach of legal education to all persons.

The Club shall be empowered to do all things necessary for the attainment of these objects.

## **3. Club Principles**

The Club shall be non-political, non-religious, non-sectarian and non-profit making.

The clubs will be based on the principles of respect for human rights, discipline, unity, peace, equality, democracy, freedom, social justice and progress.

#### **4. Membership**

(1) All continuing and registered students shall be eligible to become members of the Club.

(2) Interested students shall apply through the club secretary be considered as a member of the Club.

(3) All members shall pay a fee determined by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Uganda Law Society.

(4) All members upon joining the club shall swear an oath of allegiance provided under Schedule I.

#### **5. Termination of Membership**

(1) Any person's membership may be terminated under the following events:

- (a) Resignation
- (b) Expulsion
- (c) Death
- (d) Suspension/dismissal from the University

(2) The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member of the club for:

- (a) Breach of any provision of this Constitution
- (b) Acting in a manner that is prejudicial to the Club

(3) Where a member is aggrieved by the decision of the executive committee he/she shall apply to the President Uganda Law Society to mediate the matter and make a final determination of the matter.

#### **6. General Assembly**

(1) The general meeting of the Club members shall be called the General Assembly.

(2) The General Assembly shall:

(a) Vote for the Executive Committee subject to the provisions of this Constitution

(b) Approve measures to be taken by the club in furtherance of

the rule of law

(c) Have the power to pass a vote of no confidence in/part of the Executive for reason of malpractice and/or incompetence.

(3) All members shall regularly attend all meetings lawfully convened by the Club and contribute meaningfully to the same.

(4) The venue of the meetings shall be any convenient place and such time as the President and Secretary may appoint.

## **7. Executive Committee**

(1) There shall be an Executive Committee of the Club

(2) Management of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee which will consist of:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer
- (e) Organising Secretary

(3) No person shall hold more than one position on the Executive Committee

(4) Quorum for meetings shall be three members of the Executive Committee

## **8. President**

(1) There shall be a President of the Club who will be elected at the General Assembly

(2) The President shall:

- (a) Be the head of the Club
- (b) Preside over Executive meetings
- (c) Represent the Society at any conference, seminar or related function
- (d) In the event of absence of any official, have the power to delegate duties
- (e) Be signatory to any outflow and expenditure by the Club with approval from the Executive Committee

## **9. Vice President**

The Vice President shall:

- (a) Act in the absence of the President and shall in such circumstances have full powers to discharge the President's duties and/or responsibilities.
- (b) Perform such functions as the President may assign them

## **10. Secretary**

The Secretary shall:

- (a) Be the Secretary to the Executive Committee and General Assembly
- (b) Where necessary, publicize minutes of the Executive Committee and General Assembly meetings
- (c) Call for Executive and General Assembly meetings in consultation with the President.

## **11. Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Be responsible for the management of the financial interests of the Club
- (b) Ensure collection and receipt of all monies for the purpose of the Club.
- (c) Present financial statements to the General Assembly
- (d) Be signatory to the Club outflow and expenditure
- (e) Perform such functions as the President may assign them.

## **12. Organising Secretary**

(1) There shall be an organising Secretary for each club elected by the General Assembly.

(2) The Organising Secretary shall:

- (a) Organise all the events of the Club in consultation with the President

(b) Perform any other role assigned to him/ her by the President

### **13. Tenure of Office**

The Tenure of office shall be one year from the time the Executive Committee was constituted.

### **14. Sources of Club Funds**

Club funds shall be derived from the following sources;

- (i) Membership fees
- (ii) Donations and voluntary contributions made to the Club
- (iii) Fundraising Activities
- (iv) Sales of publications and other items
- (v) Fines
- (vi) Any other legitimate sources of income that shall be available to the Club

### **15. Amendment of the Constitution**

(1) No part of this Constitution shall be altered, repealed or additions made until due notice of the proposed amendment has been placed on the agenda of the Executive Committee meeting, notice of which shall have been circulated to members one month in advance

(2) Such an amendment shall have to receive assent of at least two-thirds of the general membership who will then meet and vote on the issue

### **16. Commencement**

This Constitution is deemed to come into effect on the day of adoption or the day of establishment of the Rule of Law Club at the University

**SCHEDULE 1**

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I..... do solemnly affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to rule of law and that I will preserve, protect and defend the constitution.  
So help me God

OATH OF OFFICE

I..... do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully and to the best of my ability execute the duties of office of..... of the Rule of Law Club of..... University and that I shall defend, uphold and abide by the principles of rule of law and by this very constitution.  
So help me God