
Constitution

1. Name and Continuity

The UBC Christian Law Students Association ("the club"), a non-incorporated association, is continued.

2. Purpose

The Purpose of the club is to be a spiritual resource for students in the Faculty of Law, and in particular:

- a) To deepen and strengthen the spiritual life of its members through fellowship, bible study, prayer, mentorship, and other means.
- b) To love and serve the law school and wider community through service projects.
- c) To explore and present the intersection of Christian faith and the substance and practice of law through discussion, guest speakers, book study, and other means.
- d) To lovingly and respectfully present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the student body, and to assist students who want to start and grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- e) To help members discern their calling in the law.

The club adopts as its Statement of Faith the Statement of Faith of the Christian Legal Fellowship (CLF, Canada's national organization of legal professionals, law students, and friends), including any amendments that CLF makes to that Statement of Faith subsequent to the adoption of this Constitution. The club affirms this Statement, and all its affairs must be conducted consistently with it.

3. Membership

- a) Membership is open to all current students and staff of the faculty of law at the University of British Columbia who desire to join. Such members shall be added to the club e-mail list.
- b) The executive may institute a mandatory, annual membership fee if it so chooses.
- c) A Member may be removed from membership by the executive if the executive concludes that such a member is participating in club activities in bad faith or is being unduly disruptive.

4. Meetings

There will be three types of meetings:

- a) Regular meetings: The executive will determine the frequency, content, time and location of regular meetings. Unless otherwise decided by the executive, regular meetings are open to the entire law school community.

- b) Executive meetings: These decision-making meetings may be conducted in person, by teleconference, Instant Messaging, or other simultaneous communicative technology. The executive may decide whether non-executives may attend, and if so, which classes of persons may attend (e.g. voting members, members, the public). An executive meeting may be called by any executive upon three days notice to all other executives, and must be called upon receipt of a petition for impeachment of an executive or Constitutional amendment, as per this Constitution.
- c) Annual General Meeting: the yearly meeting for the purpose of electing the following year's executive, open only to voting members as defined in article 7.

5. Executive

- a) The executive is charged with providing leadership and directing the operations of the club in keeping with the purposes of the club. No club activity may be undertaken without authorization of the executive.
- b) Executives must be members in good standing of CLF. Loss of membership in, or good standing with, CLF will result in immediate loss of executive position.
- c) Except as otherwise required by this Constitution, executive decisions will be made by agreement of the majority of the total number of executives (whether or not all are present at the meeting), and can be made either at an executive meeting, or by non-simultaneous means such as e-mail or informal conversation.
- d) Where an executive decision is required by this Constitution to be either unanimous or unanimous minus one (as in the impeachment provision), this shall be construed as requiring the agreement of *all* executives, not only those executives present at the meeting in question. Thus, all executives (except for the executive under impeachment, if applicable) must be present at a meeting in order for a motion requiring unanimous agreement to pass.
- e) A single executive may hold multiple executive portfolios listed in the next article, and executive portfolios may be shared among executives or between executives and non-executive members.
- f) The executive may delegate executive decisions to a committee of one or more members or executives of the club. Such delegated authority may be continuing or limited in nature. It may be revoked by executive decision.
- g) The executive may, by unanimous decision at an executive meeting, appoint other members to the executive, provided that such members of the club are also members of CLF.

6. Executive Portfolios

Mandatory portfolios – must be filled by the new executive (whether by one or more people)

- a) President
 - i) To be the external representative of the club to the faculty, other clubs, CLF, and other outside persons and bodies.
 - ii) To provide leadership for the executive and the club.
 - iii) To set the agenda for, and to chair, executive meetings.
- b) Treasurer
 - iv) To oversee the financial operations of the club, including the keeping of financial records.
 - v) To work on fund-raising as necessary.
 - vi) To represent the club in the absence of the president.

- c) Secretary
 - vii) To maintain records of meetings, as needed.
 - viii) To represent the club in the absence of the president.

Discretionary portfolios – may or may not be filled.

- d) Service
 - ix) To organize acts of service for the law school and wider community.
- e) Bible Study/Prayer
 - x) To organize bible study and prayer events.
- f) Practitioner Liaison
 - xi) To organize meals and other activities with lawyer members of the CLF.
- g) Fellowship/Social
 - xii) To organize fellowship-building social events for the membership.
- h) Outreach
 - xiii) To organize activities to present the gospel and a Christian approach to the substance and practice of law to the general law school and wider community.
- i) Such other executive positions as the executive may see fit to create from time to time.

7. Elections

- a) Executive elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting during the month of March of each year.
- b) Between six and fourteen days' notice of the Annual General Meeting will be given to members through the club e-mail list. Failure to give notice will void the results of the election if a protest is lodged with the outgoing President within five weeks of the purported election. Failure of a particular member to receive notice due to technical problems, spam filters, etc. will not void the validity of the notice given.
- c) Members eligible to stand for election, nominate others for election, and vote are those members who have attended at least two club meetings (excluding outreach events primarily targeting non-members, such as Alpha meetings or guest speakers strongly advertised to the general law school community) or a CLF Conference during the preceding twelve months. Such members will be known as "voting members." Only voting members may attend the Annual General Meeting.
- d) To be eligible to stand for election, a member must 1. be a voting member, 2. must be a current member in good standing of CLF or must have submitted a membership application pending approval by the CLF board, and 3. must be nominated by at least two other voting members. For greater certainty, it shall be acceptable for the outgoing executive to nominate a slate of recommended new executives.
- e) If a person is elected to an executive position whose application for membership in CLF is pending approval, that person shall not possess or exercise any executive office or authorities until such a time as their application is approved.
- f) Nominations must be communicated to the outgoing President during the 48 hours following the giving of the notice of election. The outgoing President will inform voting members who receive the required two nominations that they have been nominated. The nominated member must communicate to the outgoing

President within 48 hours whether or not they will allow their name to stand for election. The outgoing President will then create ballots containing the names of those who have allowed their name to stand.

- g) The outgoing President may arrange for brief speeches or distribution of brief written platforms prior to or during the Annual General Meeting if he or she wishes to do so.
- h) Nominees will not run for a specific office but only for the executive in general. Voting members will submit a ballot on which they mark 1. the names of all the nominees in whom they have confidence, and 2. among those persons they will select up to four who are their first choice(s) for the executive. The four nominees who both 1. have the confidence of at least half the ballots cast and 2. are among the four with the most first-choice votes cast in their favour, are elected. In the event of any ties, the outgoing President will cast an additional and deciding ballot. The new executive will then determine among themselves by unanimous consent what office they would like to fulfill within four weeks of the election.
- i) Voting by proxy is acceptable by dated, written, signed authorization given to the absent voting member's representative, who must themselves be a voting member. Such authorizations are good for one week from the date inscribed thereon.
- j) After an election, the new executive may appoint other members to become executives as per article 5.

8. Removal from Office

Apart from automatic loss of executive status upon losing membership in, or good standing with, CLF, executives may be impeached from office for the following reasons:

- a) Failure or inability to carry out the duties of the office.
- b) Failure or inability to uphold the purposes of the club or the Statement of Faith of the CLF.
- c) Failure to maintain good standing with the University of British Columbia or the community at large.
- d) If the rest of the executive has lost confidence in the ability of the person to fulfill their office.

Method of Impeachment. The following impeachment protocol is available only provided that there are at least three total members on the executive, including the member to be impeached. A proposal for impeachment of a member of the executive may be made by another member of the executive, or by petition of 25% of voting members. Upon receipt of such proposal, an executive meeting must be called. The same notice must be given to the membership of the executive meeting as is required for the Annual General Meeting. The executive will receive questions and comments from the membership during the notice period. At the executive meeting, a unanimous vote of the executive (excluding the person to be impeached) is required to result in impeachment. Such impeachment shall result in the immediate loss of office and executive powers of the person impeached. The membership shall be informed of the decision.

9. Recovery from Dormant Status

If at any time the club has no executive, any UBC law student who is a member of CLF may apply to the CLF Executive Director to be appointed President of the club. If the Executive Director grants such an appointment, which appointment must be in writing indicating the name of the person, and the school year for which the appointment is valid, the person shall become the President of the club until the next Annual General Meeting. Such person may then exercise all executive powers as if elected to office, including appointing another person to the executive as per article 5.

10. Adoption of Constitution

This Constitution will come into force upon ratification by all current executive members and deposit with CLF.

11. Constitutional Amendment

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the executive by a petition of 25% of voting members or by an executive member. Upon receipt of such a proposal, an executive meeting must be called. The same notice must be given

to the membership of the executive meeting as is required for the Annual General Meeting. During the notice period the executive will receive questions and comments from the membership. At the executive meeting, a unanimous vote of the executive is required for an amendment to pass. Such amendment is effective immediately, but will persist beyond fifteen days only if the text of the amendment is dated, signed by all executives, and deposited with CLF within that time period. The latest version of the club Constitution will therefore always be available from CLF. The membership shall be informed of the decision.

12. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of debts and liabilities will be donated to a charity to be determined by the executive, the identity of which will be determined by the executive prior to dissolution.

Ratified this Seventh day of March, 2007, at Vancouver, British Columbia by the entire club executive, being:



Geoffrey Trotter
President-Secretary



Rachel Shaw
Treasurer



Phil Dougan
Prayer Coordinator



Candace Cho
Conference Coordinator

Supporting Signatures of other members of the club:

