The Cambridge University Czech & Slovak Society

Constitution

1. The name of the Society shall be “The Cambridge University Czech & Slovak Society” (hereafter referred to as the “Society”).

2. The Society’s aims shall be to:

   • provide members with speaker meetings and a forum for the discussion and exchange of ideas on a diverse range of topics relating to the events affecting the situation in the Czech Republic and Slovakia;
   • initiate and maintain coordinated dialogue between the Czech and Slovak students at the University of Cambridge, as well as at other universities in the UK and abroad.

3. All members of the University shall be eligible to join the Society. One becomes a member of the Society by joining the official mailing list. Non-members of the University may apply to the Committee for membership to the Society. The Committee shall have the right to offer honorary membership as it sees fit. It shall not refuse an application for membership on the grounds of race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or political views. It may expel any member for behaviour likely to bring the Society into disrepute.

4. The day-to-day management of the Society’s affairs shall be in the hands of the Executive Committee, which shall normally be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

5. The Society’s Committee shall consist of a Faculty Member (Senior Treasurer), President, Secretary, Junior Treasurer, two Events Officers and any number of general committee members. The Senior Treasurer, who shall be a resident member of the Senate or other person approved by the Junior Proctor, shall be confirmed by the Committee each year to examine the Society’s accounts. The Senior Treasurer shall not be liable for any financial debt or other obligations of the Society unless he or she has personally authorised such debt in writing.

6. Full committee meetings shall be not less than once per academic term, though speaker meetings, discussion sessions and social events shall take place more frequently.

7. The officers, excepting the Senior Treasurer, shall be elected annually during the Easter Term at a General Meeting of the Society, from among the Members of the Society. Voting shall be by secret ballot and by Instant Run-Off Voting (Alternative Vote). At least two weeks before the General Meeting for the annual election, the President shall post a notice stating the time and location at which the election is to be held. At least three days before the General Meeting for the annual election, the President shall post the names and manifestos of each candidate for office.

8. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be held at any time during Full Term. It shall be held in Cambridge and may be called by the Executive Committee or at the written request of at least ten members. An EGM shall have the same powers as an AGM.

9. The President shall take the Chair at any General Meeting. In the absence of the President the meeting shall elect a Chairperson for that meeting. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be five members and a written record of every General Meeting shall be kept.

10. The Committee shall retain the right to levy an annual membership fee on the Society’s members.

11. The Constitution may be amended at a General Meeting.

12. On dissolution, all assets of the Society remaining after all liabilities have been met shall be transferred either to another Registered University Society, or to the Societies Syndicate.