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# **Krishna Consciousness Society Constitution**

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14. **Name**
    1. The Society's name shall be Krishna Consciousness Society

2.0 **Aims and Objectives**

2.01 Krishna Consciousness society aims to teach people about spirituality in an open-minded way, and to explore the core Eastern philosophy based on the main Hindu scriptures Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita (As-it-is).

* 1. The Krishna Consciousness society aims to reach beyond the boundaries of cast, creed and colour, by establishing the science of the soul, and to help students find spiritual solutions to material problems such as alcoholism, drug abuse, social and academic pressures by promoting simple living and high thinking.
  2. The society also aims to put students in touch with Eastern spiritual techniques, such as yoga and meditation, so they can apply ancient wisdom to modern life as a student.
  3. It also aims to create an open and safe environment in which students can discuss and ask questions about faith and philosophy without having to belong to any religion or culture.
  4. The main activities that the KC society will hold are workshops, where a guest speaker will hold enriching and thought provoking discussions about topics that students can really relate to such as relationships, habits, lifestyles, faith and doubt.
  5. Subjects covered in the society’s interactive debates will also to help give direction to students on how they could deal with exam stress and balancing their lifestyles; these themes will relate to current issues students may be faced with while at university.
  6. The KC UK society holds retreats at the Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple (Greater London) where students can meet members of the KC society from all over the country. We also hope to take trips to the nearest temples in Bristol. The society will plan social events so members can get to know each other and have a chance to meet up as a group other than just at workshops, e.g. meals at restaurants.
  7. The services that the Krishna Consciousness society will carry out are the distribution of literature and streaming of live audio and video feeds of temple events. We will also provide volunteering opportunities within the society and also give free vegetarian food to all who attend workshops.

1. **Membership**
   1. Membership of the Society will be open to all members of SGSU in accordance with SGSU Constitution and Policy.
   2. Members of the Society shall act in accordance with SGSU Constitution and Policy.

4.0 **Subscriptions and Finance**

4.1 A membership fee is required from all Society members. The Society Officials shall determine this fee and are responsible for its collection.

* 1. The Society’s financial matters shall be dealt with in accordance with SGSU Constitution and Policy.

1. **Club/Society Officials**
   1. An elected committee will conduct the running of the Society.
   2. The committee shall ensure that the Society abides by this Constitution.
   3. The committee will consist of the following officers who shall

be members of SGSU:

* President
* Vice President
* Treasurer
* Secretary
  1. The committee will serve for one academic year.

1. **Duties of Club/Society Officials**
   1. The Society President is responsible for:

a) Overseeing all activities of the Society

b) Regularly liaises with and delegates duties to committee members

c) Maintains an up to date Society strategy, to be reviewed in hand-over each year

d) Engages with members and represents their views to Socs

e) Acts as a signatory on the Society accounts up to set limits

f) Is responsible for ensuring health and safety standards are adhered to in all Society activities

g) Is jointly responsible with the Society Treasurer for ensuring the Society remains within budget

h) Oversees promotion of the Society to ensure membership targets are met

i) Informs and works with the VP Activities & Development on any disciplinary matters as per their

Society disciplinary policy

j) Submits Society development plan, budget and asset registers in collaboration with Chairman elect in April each year

k) Ensures that the Society submits nominations for the Activities Awards each year

l) Ensures the Society meets all requirements set out in the Socs Constitution and Code of Conduct

* 1. The Society Vice-President is responsible for:

1. In absence of the president, the responsibilities shall be upheld by the vice president.
2. Aids in presidential roles and responsibilities under disclosure of the president.
   1. The Society Treasurer is responsible for:

a) Working with the Chair is responsible for ensuring the Society remains within budget as set by VP Activities & Development and approved by the Socs Executive Committee

b) Acts as a signatory on the Society accounts up to set limits

c) Keeps regular accounts and spending plans for the year

d) Brings accounts updates to Society Committee Meetings

e) Knowledge and enforcement for the payment of Society Membership Fees

f) Sets up online products where appropriate

6.04 The Society Secretary is responsible for:

a) Arranges a minimum of one committee meeting per month during term time.

b) Sends out a request for agenda items a minimum of 7 days before committee meetings

c) Sends out a full agenda a minimum of 24 hours before committee meetings

d) Takes full minutes of committee meetings to be circulated to the committee within 2 weeks of the meeting or before the next meeting (whichever is earlier)

e) Has knowledge of all the core documents required for participation including risk assessments

f) Ensures correct procedures and policies are followed for events, trips and socials

g) Checks Society mail shelf and distributes post

7.0 **Meetings**

7.1 The Society Committee shall meet regularly during term time.

7.2 Regular Committee meetings are required to discuss all Society matters. Minutes shall be made available to SGSU for ratification.

8.0 **Voting**

8.1 This will take place for the election of Officials and any other issue that the Club/Society deems of importance.

* 1. Only Club/Society members will be entitled to vote.
  2. The results of any election shall be passed to the Sports/Societies Officer and the General Secretary of SGSU at the earliest opportunity.

9.0 **Changes to the Society Constitution**

* 1. Changes can be implemented if a two-thirds majority is obtained at an annual or extraordinary general meeting of the Club/Society.
  2. Any changes shall be deemed provisional until passed to the Sports/Societies Officer and the General Secretary of SGSU at the earliest opportunity and subsequently ratified.

1. **Societies Complaints Procedure**
   1. Any complaints shall be dealt with in accordance with SGSU Constitution and Policy.
2. **SGSU Commitments**
   1. The Society shall adhere to SGSU Constitution and Policy

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1. **Discipline**
   1. Any disciplinary matters shall be dealt with in accordance with SGSU Constitution and Policy.
2. **Declaration**

**I declare that the Krishna Consciousness Society shall abide by this Constitution, drawn up on this 20th day of the 10th month, 2014**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Adam Gadhvi\_\_\_Society President**

Sign, Print and Date

**I declare that this Constitution has been ratified by SGSU and the**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Society is hereby recognized by SGSU**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **SGSU Societies Officer**

Sign, Print and Date

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