

Tracking Amendments: Constitution

	Item	Pre-Amendment	Post-Amendment
1	Cover Page	No logo, cover page, and adoption particulars	UCT Logo, cover page, adoption particulars added
2	Preamble	Preamble on the first page	Preamble move to a separate page
	Definitions	No opening clause.	Added “In this Constitution...” before the defined terms.
		Definitions as a whole not numbered.	Numbered Definitions as section 1.
		Definitions were numbered with Hindu-Arabic numerals.	Numbered definitions alphabetically
		Definitions not formatted bold .	Definitions formatted bold.
		“Poll” as in the Election Regulations means 25% of all undergraduate students registered in the current year for a higher certificate, diploma, advanced diploma or a bachelor’s degree (including students registered for the LLB degree) or a postgraduate diploma or an honours degree, who are eligible to vote (but excluding all students registered for a certificate, diploma or degree by distance mode).”	Poll as in the Election Regulations means 25% of all students eligible to vote.
		No definition of graduate, postgraduate, and institution.	Graduate Student, postgraduate, and institution defined.
		No definition of “first-past-the-post”	Added definition of “first-past-the-post”
4	Legal Status and Indemnity	Did not state that SRC members cannot contract on behalf of the SRC or institution.	
5	Structures of Student Governance	Did not have the Dispute Resolution Committee; the International Student Forum; and the Students with Disabilities Forum	Added Dispute Resolution Committee; the International Student Forum; and the Students with Disabilities Forum
		Contained the Day House Committees;	the Day House Committees deleted.

6	Composition of the SRC	Consisted of 15 members	Contains 16 members
	Termination of Membership	Used to read that "... they tender their resignation in writing and such resignation is accepted by the SRC; or	Now reads: they tender their resignation in writing to the Secretariat;.
		Did not contain academic exclusion	Added academic exclusion provision: "... they are academically excluded. A successful appeal will not change the status of their termination."
		membership terminated as a sanction by the Student Governance Court, or the Special Tribunal for Sexual Offences	Added membership termination by University Student Disciplinary Tribunal in addition to the Student Governance Court, the Special Tribunal for Sexual Offences.
	Meetings of the SRC	A SRC decision may be reviewed by or appealed to the Student Parliament, the Student Governance Court or the Constitutional Committee subject to the roles and responsibilities prescribed for these structures in their standing rules.	Grammar change by adding "An" to read as "An SRC decision may be reviewed by or appealed to the Student Parliament, the Student Governance Court or the Constitutional Committee subject to the roles and responsibilities prescribed for these structures in their standing rules."
	SRC Standing Committees	Did not contain the Deployment Committee and the Advocacy & Awareness Committee	Added the Deployment Committee and the Advocacy & Awareness Committee
	Constituting SRC Sub-Councils	Contained day houses	Day houses deleted in this provision.
	Powers and duties of Sub-Councils	must submit minutes of its meetings and an annual report to the SRC	must submit minutes of its meetings and quarterly organisational and financial reports to the SRC;
	Chapter 6: SRC Forums	It was not included	Added a whole new Chapter 6 with SRC Forums, with constituting SRC Forums; Composition of the Forums; Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary of a Sub-Council; Powers and duties of Forum.

	Student Parliament	Was chapter 6	Now chapter 7.
	Composition – Student Parliament	Did not contain members of the Student with Disabilities Forum	Added “members of the Student with Disabilities Forum appointed by it”
	Roles and Responsibilities - Student Parliament	Parliament responsibility did not include appointment of the Dispute Resolution Committee and the SRC Stipend Committee.	Role extended to appointment of the Dispute Resolution Committee and the SRC Stipend Committee.
	Composition of the Student Parliament Management Committee	Contained “a second member of the SRC appointed by the SRC who serves as the Secretary of the SPMC.”	This provision has been deleted
	Election of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and the Convenor	Read as “The election of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Convenor of Student Parliament takes place in the third term of the year in which its term commences.”	Now reads as “The election of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Secretary and Convenor of Student Parliament takes place in the third term of the year in which its term commences.”
	Student Governance Court	Was chapter 7	Moved to chapter 8.
	Composition – SGC	Composed of five students, of whom at least two students must be registered in the Law Faculty	Now will compose of ten students four of must be registered in the law faculty
		Once appointed to the Student Governance Court, members are ineligible to stand for election in any other student governance structure or serve in any leadership position in such structure	Added “for the duration of their term.”

	Chairperson of Student Governance Court	Was “Chairperson of Student Governance Court”	Now bearing the heading: “Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer Chairperson of Student Governance Court”
		Read as “The Student Governance Court must elect a chairperson from among its members.”	The Student Governance Court must elect a chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer from among its members.
	Roles and Responsibilities - SGC	Contained four (4) responsibilities	Added three more responsibilities, namely: “(5) maintain confidentiality in ongoing cases to protect the integrity of the process; (6) refer matters of student governance legislation interpretation to the Constitutional Committee. And (7) submit a report to Student Parliament once a Semester.”
	Chapter 8	Was chapter 8 fully titled: “Chapter 8 Residence House Committees, Day House Committees, Faculty Councils, Societies, Sports Codes and Development Agencies”	Now Chapter 9: fully with Day Houses removed.
	Residence House Committees	Contained 4 provisions	Added another provision “A Residence House Committee must submit quarterly organizational and financial reports to the Residence Sub-Council.”
	Day Houses	Contained provisions	Struck out completely
	Undergraduate Faculty Councils	Contained 4 provisions	Added another provision “An Undergraduate Faculty Council must submit quarterly organizational and financial reports to the Undergraduate Academic Sub-Council.”
		Did not make direct reference to Election Regulations	Added words “in the manner prescribed in the Election Regulations”
	Postgraduate Faculty Councils	Contained postgraduate students only in referencing	Added “add graduate” where postgraduate is stated.

		Contained 3 provisions	Added another provision: “A Postgraduate Faculty Council must submit quarterly organizational and financial reports to the Postgraduate Academic Sub-Council”
		Did not make direct reference to Election Regulations	Added words “in the manner prescribed in the Election Regulations”
	Societies	Contained 4 provisions	Added another provision: “A Society must submit quarterly organizational and financial reports to the Societies Sub-Council.”
	Chapter 10: Constitutional Committee	Was chapter 9	Now chapter 10
	Composition	Read as “Five students, of whom at least two students must be registered in the law faculty, appointed by Student Parliament in the third term of the year in which its term of office commences.”	Now reads as “Ten students, of whom at least four students must be registered in the law faculty, appointed by Student Parliament in the third term of the year in which its term of office commences.”
	Chairperson and Secretary of Constitutional Committee	Read as “Chairperson and Secretary of Constitutional Committee”	Reads as “Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of Constitutional Committee”
		The provision read as “The Constitutional Committee must elect a chairperson and secretary from among its members.”	Now reads “The Constitutional Committee must elect a chairperson, a secretary and Treasurer from among its members.”
	Roles and Responsibilities	Contained four (4) provisions	Added another provision: “The Constitutional Committee must submit a report to Student Parliament once a Semester.”
	Chapter 11: Dispute Resolution	Did not contain this chapter in its entirety	An entire novel chapter inserted
		Was chapter 10	Now chapter 12

	Mass Meetings	Section 110 citing section 113	Now section 135 citing section 138
	Chairperson, Quorum and Resolutions of a Mass Meeting	Section 117 read “The SRC Secretary-General or their nominee is responsible for taking minutes of such a meeting and making the minutes publicly available”	Now section 142 and reads “The SRC Deputy Secretary-General or their nominee is responsible for taking minutes of such a meeting and making the minutes publicly available.”
	SRC Elections	Chapter 11	Now Chapter 13
		Contained 1 provision which read as follows: “SRC elections must take place annually in the manner prescribed in the Election Regulations.”	Now contains two new provision incorporating the constituency-based approach and the first-past-the-post model. See chapter 13 for reference
	Vacancies	Was chapter 12	Now Chapter 14
		Contained vacancies in the traditional model	Added filling of vacancies incorporating constituency-based model.
	Interim SRC	Was chapter 13	Now chapter 15 with provisions retained.
	Conflict of Interest	Was applicable to SRC members	Now added to chapter 16 to tie all structures and governance and introduce a test too