

KHSS Constitution
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Article 1 – Name and Objectives

Section 1: This organization shall be known as the Kinesiology and Health-Studies Students' Society (KHSS), herein after referred to as the Society or KHSS.

Section 2: The KHSS is a non-profit society whose objectives are:

- 1) To represent all students in the University of Regina's Faculty of Kinesiology and Health-Studies, hereafter referred to as the Faculty.
- 2) To provide a means of communication between Faculty students and Faculty staff, other Faculty members, the University of Regina Students' Union (URSU), any professional associations in the community and province, and any other organization pertaining to them.
- 3) To organize academic, athletic and social events for the students of the Faculty.
- 4) To promote a positive image of the Faculty through involvement in the community.

Article 2 – Membership

Section 1: Membership is open to any person regardless of age, race, creed, religion, colour, sex, marital status, ability, nationality, ancestry, political views, place of origin, family status, receipt of public assistance, or sexual orientation.

Section 2: Membership is open to any students enrolled in the Faculty upon submission of the necessary registration information (As detailed in KHSS Bylaws). An exception can be made for a student taking Faculty courses and accepted by 2/3 of the existing membership.

Section 3: Only members of KHSS are eligible to hold voting privileges and executive or council positions in the organization. All executive positions must be students in the Faculty (or those excepted as per Section 2).

Section 4: Membership ceases upon expulsion, require to discontinue, school transfer, graduation or participation in any activity which undermines the integrity of the Society, as decided by a majority quorum vote of the KHSS Executive.

Article 3 – KHSS Executive & Council

Section 1: The Society shall be led by an elected Executive supported by an elected KHSS Council.

Section 2: The KHSS Executive will consist of 4 elected positions: President, Vice-President of External Affairs, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, and Treasurer. The Executive will also include the current URSU KHS Director as decided by URSU elections.

Section 4: All four members of the Executive shall act as signing authorities for the Society.

Section 5: The President is the elected leader of the society, but in the absence or inability of the President to assume her or his duties, the Council, including the KHS Director, will conduct an emergency vote to temporarily name one of the Vice-Presidents acting President until the next AGM or EGM.

Section 6: The KHSS Council will consist of the Executive and eight additional nominated positions:

- 1) Secretary
- 2) Social Media Director
- 3) Formal Chair
- 4) Charity Chair
- 5) Cougar Crawl Chair
- 6) Welcome Chair
- 7) Sport Liaison
- 8) Student Liaison

Section 7: If any Council positions are vacated or vacant following an AGM, they shall be filled at the earliest convenience by Executive nomination and majority support of the Council.

Section 8: Quorum of the Executive shall be the whole Executive, while Council quorum shall be a minimum 7 of 13.

Article 4 – Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Elections

Section 1: The AGM must be called by the sitting Executive a minimum of fifteen days prior to the meeting date, and must take place during the Winter Semester, prior to the last day of April.

Section 2: AGM Quorum shall consist of 50% + 1 of the current membership or 20 members, whichever is reached first.

Section 3: All Executive and Council positions are to be up for election at the AGM. These positions are on until the next AGM.

Section 4: The URSU KHS Director shall chair the AGM or select an appropriate substitute.

Section 5: Any member of the KHSS may run for any position without obstruction, and only members may be permitted to vote in these elections.

Section 6: Nominations are to be open as soon as the date for the AGM has been set.

Section 7: The process of nomination and election shall be as follows:

- 1) Any member may nominate a fellow member with that member's consent, or members may nominate themselves.
- 2) All nominations need a second.
- 3) Nominations are to take place at any meeting of the society after the calling of the AGM or in writing to the sitting Secretary.
- 4) Nominations are open until closed by the AGM Chair prior to voting on the position.
- 5) Elections shall be conducted in order of President – VP External – VP Internal – Treasurer – Formal Chair – Charity Chair – Cougar Crawl Chair – Welcome Chair – Sport Liaison – Student Liaison – Social Media Director – Secretary.
- 6) Nominees for a contested position will be granted one (1) minute to present themselves between nominations closing and the vote if they wish to.
- 7) In any contested nomination, a ranked ballot will be used, eliminating the lowest contender each round until one nominee has a clear majority of the vote. In the case of a complete tie, the URSU KHS Director shall cast the deciding vote.
- 8) In the case of uncontested nominations, a simple voice vote will be conducted to ensure a majority of members support the nomination. If the nomination is unsupported, the position will remain vacant.
- 9) All results are to be recorded and publicly published by the Society.

Article 5 – The Constitution and Bylaws

Section 1: This Constitution may only be amended at an AGM or EGM with a 2/3 majority of members present.

Section 2: Amendments may be proposed by any member of the Society. They must be presented a minimum of fourteen days prior to the AGM or EGM, with a written explanation of why the amendment is being proposed.

Section 3: Changes to the Constitution shall be the first order of business at any AGM or EGM.

Section 4: The KHSS Bylaws shall be a separate document that may be changed or amended at any meeting of the KHSS Council with a majority vote, or any AGM or EGM with a majority vote.

Article 6 – Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

Section 1: An EGM may be called by any member of the Society with the written support of a minimum of ten (10) other members.

Section 2: An EGM is called by written request to the sitting Secretary with the required supporting signatures.

Section 2: An EGM has the same power as an AGM, however, only vacant positions can be elected.

Article 7 – Impeachment

Section 1: Any sitting Executive that commits an act negatively affecting the interests of the Society may be removed. The process for this shall be:

- 1) Any complaint against a sitting executive must be submitted to the Secretary to be handled at the next Council meeting, where the accused Exec must have the opportunity to defend her or his actions.
- 2) The KHSS Council shall vote whether to move forward with impeachment, with a majority vote. The accused Exec may not cast a vote.
- 3) If the majority vote is passed, the URSU KHS Director shall conduct a vote of all members, where a 2/3 majority is required to impeach the accused.

- 4) If a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority is achieved, then the accused is impeached, and the position is immediately vacated.