**[University of Worcester Midwifery Society (UoWMidSoc)]**

**CONSTITUTION**

**August 2015**

**1. Name**

The name of the societyshall be *University of Worcester Midwifery Society (UoWMidSoc)* herein after referred to as ‘the society.’

**2. Affiliation**

**2.1** The society shall form part of the University of Worcester Students’ Union and as such the society shall adhere to the principles of the Students’ Union constitution and any subsequent guidelines or regulations issued by the Students’ Union.

**2.2** In addition to the University of Worcester Students’ Union the societyshall be affiliated to the Institute of Health and Society.

**3. Aims and Objectives**

The key aim of the society shall be to enhance the learning and participation of students in extracurricular events such as organizing student conferences and lectures with outside speakers, fundraising for midwifery related causes and a democratic forum for students to discuss ways in which to facilitate learning.

**4. Membership**

4.1 Membership of the society shall be open to all current midwifery students of the University of Worcester Students’ Union

4.2 All members will be liable to pay an annual membership fee of a figure as determined year on year by the society in conjunction with the Students’ Union.

4.2.2 All members are also required to pay a Teamworc society fee to the Students’ Union. The fee level for this will be reviewed by the Students’ Union at the beginning of each academic year.

4.3 Membership fees must be received prior to any involvement in society activity.

**5. The Committee**

**5.1** The committee shall be responsible for the running of the club/society and will convene *monthly* on a day outlined at the first committee meeting of an academic year.

**5.2** The members of the committee shall be as follows:

 i. Chair

 ii. Treasurer

 iii. Secretary

**6. Appointment of the Committee**

**6.1** The appointment of committee members shall be via a democratic vote to take place at the society Annual General Meeting.

**6.2** Only current full members of the University of Worcester Students’ Union shall be permitted to run for a committee position.

**6.3** Any changes in committee personnel shall be communicated to the Students’ Union

**7. Removal of Committee members**

**7.1** A motion of no confidence in any Committee member may be called in any committee by either a petition signed by at least **15% of the membership of the Club or Society or 10** (whichever is greater), or by a **two-thirds majority vote** at a Society committee meeting.

**7.2** If a no confidence motion is called then an EGM must be held, and in order for the no confidence motion to be carried it must be supported by **two-thirds of those present and voting**.  See the guides on *How to organise an EGM* for full details of how to organise an EGM.

**7.3** If the no confidence motion is successful, then the Chair or Treasurer should immediately inform the Vice President Student Activities and the Societies Coordinator. Your Society will then need to hold another EGM to re-elect a new person to that position.

**8. Duties of Committee Members**

 **8.1** The club/society Chair shall:

**i.** chair society meetings democratically, ensuring they are conducted properly and communicate minutes to the Students’ Union

**ii.** Act as the first delegate to the Students’ Union and ensure that the society is represented at all Student Groups Committee meetings if he/she is unable to attend

**iii.** Ensure at all times that health and safety precautions have been taken in relation to society members

**iv.** Act as the society’s first representative to all external bodies and ensure the society members act as good ambassadors for the University and the Students’ Union

**v.** Represents the society at all functions and events put on by the society or seeks representation if he/she is unable to attend

 **8.2** The club/society Treasurer shall:

**i.** Oversee the financial accounts of the society as made available by the Students’ Union and be responsible for ensuring that the society follows the Students’ Union’s financial regulations at all times.

**ii.** Collect all monies received from society events and ensure all money is banked with the Students’ Union along with the necessary documentation.

**iii.** Liaise with the rest of the committee to complete the Grant Allocation forms and ensure they are handed into the Students’ Union by the agreed deadline.

**iv.** Submit an annual financial report to the VP Student Activities

**v**. be responsible for maintaining overall control over the society’s finances and ensuring all club/society activities or expenditure is financially viable

 **8.3** The club/society Secretary shall:

**i.** maintain up to date records of society membership including contact details for all society members, and ensure that the Students’ Union also has the equivalent up to date information.

**ii.** Minute and keep record of all society meetings and ensure that these details are made available to the Students’ Union.

**iii.** Ensure that the society is, on an annual basis, affiliated to the appropriate National and Regional Governing Bodies and entered into necessary leagues or competitions. This shall be done in conjunction with the Societies Co-ordinator.

**9. Meetings**

**9.1 General Meetings** shall take place at least once per semester and may be called by the following methods:

i. as directed by the society committee

ii. on the request of the Students’ Union Executive Committee

iii. by written request of the society members via a letter signed by no less than one quarter of the society membership.

**9.1.2** One month’s notice of a General Meeting shall be given to all members.

**9.1.3** Only student members of the society are permitted to vote at meetings and only those members present are permitted to vote.

**9.2 Annual General Meetings** shall take place within the second semesterand will feature the appointment of committee members for the following academic year.

**9.2.1** Details of committee members for the following academic year elected at the AGM shall be provided to the Students’ Union before the 30th March

**9.2.2** One month’s notice of an Annual General Meeting shall be given to all members.

**9.2.3** Only student members of the society are permitted to vote at meetings and only those members present are permitted to vote.

**9.3** The quorum*(i.e. the minimum number of members needed for a meeting to take place)* for General Meetings and the Annual General Meetings shall be *51%* of the total club/society membership.

**9.4** Should any General Meetings or the AGM fail to meet the above quorum then the meeting shall be reconvened within *a fortnight* and this second meeting shall be automatically quorate.

**10. The Constitution**

**10.1** Copies of the constitution shall be made available to all members via the society webpage, on Facebook, and by email to student’s university accounts.

**10.2** Alterations and amendments to the constitution must be first proposed and seconded at the Annual General Meeting. Subsequently the amendment must be passed by *51%* of the membership present.

**10.3** The Students’ Union shall be informed immediately of any alterations or amendments to the constitution.

**11. Dissolution**

Should the society reach a point where it is no longer able to carry out its mission and as such cease to operate/dissolve, all assets will revert back to the University of Worcester Students’ Union.

**Date formally adopted**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chair Name Signature

Treasurer Name Signature

Secretary Name Signature

Review due April 2015