# Yuan Ze University Student Association Organizational Constitution 

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## Chapter 1 General Provisions

Article 1: This constitution is established in accordance with Article 33 of the University Act, Article 26 of the National Central University Organizational Regulations, and the Regulations on the Establishment and Guidance of Student Autonomous Organizations at National Central University.

Article 2: The name of this association is the "National Central University Student Association." It is the highest student autonomous organization representing the students of the university.

Article 3: The purpose of this association is to enhance and implement student autonomy, promote the welfare of its members, pursue progress on campus, maintain harmony and development within the campus, and ensure the rights of its members.

Article 4: The headquarters of this association is located at the main campus of National Central University.

## Chapter 2 Members

Article 5: Students currently enrolled at the university with student status are automatic members of this association.

Article 6: Members of this association shall have the following basic rights:

1. The right to vote, stand for election, and recall.
2. The right to participate in the operation of the association, attend relevant hearings, briefings, and public hearings.
3. The right to be elected to various levels of leadership positions within the association.
4. The right to participate in campus operations.
5. The right to participate in events organized by the association.

Article 7: Members of this association shall fulfill the following obligations:

1. Comply with the rules and regulations of the association and the resolutions of the Student Council.
2. Pay membership fees as required.

## Chapter 3 Organization

Article 8: The association establishes the Student Administrative Center, the Student Council, and the Student Review Council.
The Student Administrative Center is the highest administrative body of the association, the Student Council is the highest legislative and deliberative body, and the Student Review Council is the highest review body.

Article 9: The association shall elect students to represent and participate in meetings related to school affairs, subject to the approval of the Student Council. However, when representatives are designated as automatic representatives according to regulations or are elected according to the autonomous regulations of the association, this requirement does not apply.
The method of electing student representatives shall be determined by other autonomous regulations of the association.

## Chapter 4 Student Administrative Center

Article 10: The association shall appoint one President, serving a one-year term with the possibility of reelection for one consecutive term.
The President represents the association externally and provides leadership for the operation of the Student Administrative Center internally.
The association shall appoint one Vice President, serving a one-year term with the possibility of reelection for one consecutive term. The Vice President assists the President in handling the affairs of the association.

The association shall appoint one Secretary-General, serving a one-year term and appoint by the President. The Secretary-General assists in coordinating between the various structures of the association and supports the President and Vice President in matters related to the Student Administrative Center.
Individuals holding positions specified in this article may not concurrently serve as student
council members, members of the Student Review Council, or as leaders of other autonomous organizations or clubs at the university.

Article 11: The President has the following powers:

1. The power to promulgate autonomous regulations.
2. The power to veto resolutions of the Student Council.
3. The power to nominate members of the Student Review Council.
4. The power to appoint the heads of the administrative departments of the Student Administrative Center.
5. The authority to preside over meetings of the Student Administrative Center.
6. The authority to execute other tasks as authorized by the constitution or regulations.

Resolutions of the Student Council, except those subject to the President's veto power according to this constitution, shall be announced within ten days from the date of receipt.

Article 12: The powers of the Student Administrative Center are as follows:

1. Execute resolutions of the Student Council.
2. Develop and implement the association's work plan.
3. Handle matters related to the rights and obligations of members.
4. Nominate members of the Election Affairs Committee.
5. Organize and assist in member activities and related events.
6. Propose resolutions to the Student Council.
7. Execute other tasks as authorized by the constitution or regulations.

Article 13: The Student Administrative Center shall have the following permanent administrative departments:

1. Secretariat: Responsible for the administration, documentation, meetings, personnel, and archive-related matters of the association.
2. Activity Affairs Department: Responsible for planning and executing large-scale events at the university and coordinating and assisting various departments of the Student Administrative Center in organizing activities.
3. Academic Rights and Legal Affairs Department: Promotes student rights, assists students in fulfilling their obligations, actively promotes student autonomy, and ensures the transparency of the student association.
4. Financial Affairs Department: Responsible for the association's budget, budget allocation, and property management.
5. Public Relations and Marketing Department: Responsible for the association's external image, internal information, graphic design, liaison with vendors, special affairs, and the operation and management of social media.
6. Human Resources Department: Responsible for the association's development strategy and talent planning and cultivation.

The organizational structure of the Student Administrative Center shall be determined by other autonomous regulations.
The Student Administrative Center may propose the addition or removal of departments to the Student Council based on actual administrative needs. Such proposals, once approved by the Student Council, shall take effect until the end of the term of the incumbent President.
Members of the Student Administrative Center may not concurrently serve as student council members or members of the Student Review Council.

Article 14: The administrative departments mentioned in the preceding article, except for the Secretariat, shall each have one director, appointed and dismissed by the President. In the event of a vacancy, the same appointment and dismissal procedures shall apply. The Secretariat shall be managed by the Secretary-General in addition to their duties.

Article 15: In the event of a vacancy in the position of the President, the Vice President shall succeed until the expiration of the original President's term.
If both the President and Vice President are vacant, the President of the Student Council shall act as the President.
If the vacancy lasts for more than three months, a by-election for the positions of President and Vice President shall be promptly held to fill the remaining term of the original President and Vice President.
In the absence of the President due to unforeseen circumstances, the Vice President may act on behalf of the President for a period not exceeding three months.

Article 16: The Student Administrative Center shall convene regular meetings, consisting of the President, Vice President, and the directors of each department.
The President or their designee shall chair the meetings.
The meeting shall only be convened if more than half of the members are present, and resolutions on discussed matters require the agreement of the majority of attendees.

Article 17: The President is responsible for reporting on the operational affairs and work plans of the association at regular meetings of the Student Council.
When the Student Council disagrees with a significant policy of the President, it may pass a resolution requesting the President to make changes. The President may exercise the veto power over resolutions of the Student Council within ten days of the resolution being delivered.
Regarding the autonomous regulations, budget proposals, and resolutions of the Student Council, except for amendments to the organizational regulations, if the President finds them
difficult to implement, the President may exercise the veto power within ten days of the resolution being delivered.

Resolutions of the Student Council vetoed by the President shall be returned to the Student Council for reconsideration. If more than two-thirds of the council members agree to maintain the original resolution, the President shall accept the resolution or resign.

## Chapter 5 Student Council

Article 18 The Student Council is composed of student representatives.
The organizational structure of the Student Council shall be determined by other self-governing regulations.

Article 19 The Student Council consists of fifteen student representatives, elected directly by members in a single electoral district covering the entire campus.
The term of office for student representatives is one year, with the possibility of reelection.

Article 20 The powers of the Student Council are as follows:

1. The authority to approve student autonomous legal proposals and amendments to this constitution.
2. The authority to approve the budget, review the final accounts, and assess the financial condition of the organization.
3. The right to hear reports on the operational activities and work plans of the president.
4. The authority to exercise the consent right of student representatives in the Student Review Council and other meetings related to school affairs.
5. The right to reflect and communicate the opinions of members.
6. The authority to approve proposals put forth by student representatives or the Student Administration Center.
7. The right to request the president to implement resolutions passed by the Student Council.
8. The power to conduct elections and impeach the chairman and vice chairman.
9. The right to bring impeachment charges against the president, vice president, or members of the Student Administration Center for violations of Taiwanese laws, student union regulations, or in cases of negligence.
10. The authority to investigate and propose corrective measures for matters related to the Student Administration Center.
11. Other tasks delegated by regulations.

Impeachment cases specified in the first paragraph, section nine, after being approved by the Student Council, shall be forwarded to the Student Review Council for examination.

Article 21 The Student Council shall have one chairman and one vice chairman, elected by mutual election among the student representatives, serving a term concurrent with that of the representatives.
The chairman is responsible for presiding over the meetings of the Student Council, and the vice chairman assists the chairman in handling business.
In the absence of the chairman, the vice chairman shall perform the duties, and if the vice chairman is absent, a new one shall be elected by the student representatives.
In case the chairman cannot perform the duties for a legitimate reason, the vice chairman may be appointed to exercise the powers.

Article 22 The Student Council consists of regular and ad hoc meetings:

1. Regular meetings shall be held three times per semester within one week after the start of each semester, one month before mid-term exams, and one month before final exams.
2. Ad hoc meetings can be called by the president, or by a petition signed by more than onefourth of all council members.
A meeting may only be convened with the presence of over half of the members, and resolutions shall be passed with the agreement of more than half of the attending members. Resolutions related to the powers specified in Article 20, paragraph 1, section 8, (recall), section 9, (impeachment), and section 10, (disciplinary action), require the approval of over two-thirds of the attending members.

Article 23 The Student Council may establish committees, the organization, rules, meeting times, and venues of which shall be determined by the council members.

Article 24 The Student Council shall establish a Disciplinary Committee to evaluate and determine improper conduct of student representatives.
Student representatives are protected in their speech and voting within the council, but such actions shall not violate the laws of the country.
The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of five members elected by the student representatives.
Based on factual assessment, if two-thirds of the committee members agree that an action is improper, the Disciplinary Committee shall make a decision and refer the case to the Student Review Council.
Proposals to transfer a student representative to the Disciplinary Committee shall be initiated and resolved by the Student Council.

Article 25 Student representatives may not concurrently hold the following positions:

1. Leadership roles in other autonomous organizations, clubs, or departmental student
associations at the university.
2. Membership in the Student Administration Center or the Student Review Council.

Article 26 The Student Council, in the execution of its duties, may request relevant information from the Student Administration Center.

## Chapter 6 Student Review Council

Article 27 The Student Review Council shall consist of five Student Review Commissioners nominated by the president and approved by the Student Council. The members of the Student Review Council may not concurrently hold positions as members of the Student Administration Center or the Student Council.

Article 28 The powers of the Student Review Council are as follows:

1. Interpretation of the application of this organizational charter and autonomous regulations.
2. Examination of impeachment cases submitted by the Student Council or cases referred by the Student Council Disciplinary Committee.
3. Assessment of whether the regulations of the organization violate national laws or involve hierarchical conflicts.
4. Evaluation of cases challenging the decisions or measures taken by various organs of the organization.
5. Other matters authorized by regulations or laws.

The organization of the Student Review Council shall be determined by other autonomous regulations.

Article 29 The Student Review Council is a task-oriented agency and shall convene a meeting within one week upon receiving a case.
The council shall exercise its powers through deliberation, and meetings shall be attended by over half of the commissioners.

For the interpretation specified in the first item, examination mentioned in the second item, and assessment specified in the third item of the preceding article, the agreement of over two-thirds of the attending commissioners is required.
For the evaluation specified in the fourth item or other matters authorized by regulations or autonomous regulations, unless otherwise specified in the autonomous regulations, decisions shall require the agreement of over half of the attending commissioners.

Article 30 In the case of impeachment of the president, vice president, or members of the Student Administration Center, they shall be dismissed seven days after the Student Review

Council approves the review.
For disciplinary cases involving student representatives, the execution shall begin on the day following the approval of the review by the Student Review Council.

Article 31 In the exercise of its powers, the Student Review Council may request relevant information from the Student Administration Center or the Student Council.

## Chapter 7 Elections and Recalls

Article 32 Elections or recalls shall be conducted through ordinary, equal, direct, and anonymous single-ballot voting.

Article 33 The election of the president and vice president shall be held as a single election district for the entire school, and they shall be directly elected by all members.
In the case of a single candidate for the positions of president and vice president, the election shall adopt a consent-based system, where the candidate with more affirmative votes than negative votes is elected.
In the case of two or more sets of candidates for president and vice president, a relative majority vote shall be used, and the set of candidates with the highest number of votes shall be elected.

Article 34 In the event of no elected candidate for the president, vice president, or student council members as per the law, a by-election shall be conducted.
If there are still vacancies for student council members after the by-election, the number of seats after the by-election shall be considered the total seats for that term. However, the number of student council members shall not be less than three. When the vacancy for student council members reaches half of the total seats after the by-election, another by-election shall be held. However, this does not apply when the remaining term is less than three months.

Article 35 The president and vice president may be recalled by the members from their respective election districts.
A proposal for recall must be supported by more than $5 \%$ of the members who voted in the most recent presidential and vice presidential elections through joint signatures to be valid.
For a recall vote to pass, the number of affirmative votes must exceed the number of negative votes, and the proportion of affirmative votes must be over $15 \%$ of the total membership.
When a recall proposal passes through the aforementioned process, the recall shall take effect seven days after the announcement of the voting results.

Article 36 The term of office for the president, vice president, and student council members
shall begin on July 1 of each year and end on June 30 of the following year. The election of the president, vice president, and student council members shall be completed within thirty days before the expiration of their term each year.

Article 37 Election-related matters shall be handled by the Election Committee.
The Election Committee shall consist of two nominees from the Student Administration Center, two nominees from the Student Council, and one nominee from the Student Review Council. Election committee members may not concurrently be candidates.

Article 38 The regulations for elections and recalls and the organization of the Election Committee shall be determined by other autonomous regulations.

## Chapter 8 Finances

Article 39 The sources of funds for this organization are as follows:

1. Membership dues.
2. Voluntary donations.
3. Various subsidies.
4. Interest from deposits.
5. Other income from business operations.

Article 40 (Deleted).

Article 41 The collection or exemption of membership dues and their amounts shall be determined by the Student Council.
Matters related to the collection of membership dues shall be determined by other autonomous regulations.

## Chapter 9 Supplementary Provisions

Article 42 Amendments to this constitution that conflict with the laws of our country are deemed invalid. Any regulations of this organization's autonomous laws or resolutions of the Student Council and the Student Executive Center that conflict with this constitution are also deemed invalid.

Article 43 The amendment procedure for this constitution is as follows:
If proposed by more than one-fourth of the student council members, with a two-thirds
attendance, and approved by two-thirds of the attending student council members, it can be amended.

If decided by the Student Executive Center, it shall be submitted for review by the Student Council. If approved by two-thirds of the attending student council members, with two-thirds of the attending student council members agreeing, it can be amended.

Article 44 This constitution shall be effective from the date of announcement, and the amendments shall be effective accordingly. The provisions amended on April 6, 2022, shall be effective from the inauguration of the 30th Student Council.
The provisions of Article 19 amended on November 30, 2022, shall be effective from the election of the 31 st Student Council. Other autonomous regulations shall be adjusted before the 31st Council to align with changes in the constitution.

Article 45 After the amendment of this constitution is passed by the Student Council, it shall be publicly announced by the President, and a copy shall be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for reference.

## Should there be any controversies or disputes regarding the contents of the above articles, they should always be referred to their Chinese version.

