



DANBY

The Constitution

1 Name

- 1.1 The name of the society shall be “The Danby Society” (herein referred to as the Society).

2 Constitution

- 2.1 This constitution is binding on the proper running of the Society.
- 2.2 Any changes to the constitution require consultation with the President. Any changes to the constitution shall require the positive vote of 75% of members present and voting at a quorate meeting called for the purpose, and advertised two weeks in advance. Quorum is ten or more non-committee members.

3 Objects

- 3.1 The Society shall provide intellectual stimulation and social interaction for its members and shall represent the members in dealings with the college.

4 President

- 4.1 There will be a President of the Society, who will be a fellow of the college.
- 4.2 The President shall ensure the proper running of the Society under this constitution, and will respond to complaints about the running of the Society from any of its members. S/he will not interfere with the day-to-day running of the Society by the Committee.
- 4.3 The position of President is a lifetime position, or until s/he either leaves the college or steps down from the Presidency.
- 4.4 A new President will be elected by a vote of the fellows of Downing College in cognitive disciplines, to include all fellows in fields of Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Computer Science.

5 Executive Committee

- 5.1 There shall be a committee elected annually consisting of at least the following officers: Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 5.2 The committee shall consist of all the officers of the Society.
- 5.3 The following positions may also, at the discretion of the outgoing committee, be advertised, and if so advertised shall stand for election: IT/Communications officer, Social Secretary and Sponsorship officer.
- 5.4 The office of IT/Communications and social secretary may be filled by a pair of members.
- 5.5 Any member of the Society may stand for election to any post.
- 5.6 Officers of the Society will not receive any salary from Society funds.
- 5.7 Officers and co-opted officers shall not gain any direct benefit from their position.

6 Elections

- 6.1 Any Junior member of the Society may stand for election to any post.
- 6.2 Each member of the Society may cast one vote in the election of each of the officers, but they are not obliged to do so.
- 6.3 Elections will be held and candidates who receive at least ten votes and the majority of the votes cast shall be deemed to be elected.
- 6.4 In the event of a hung vote the Chair shall cast an additional, deciding vote.
- 6.5 Re-opening of Nominations (RON) will be available as a voting option in all elections.

7 College Guidance

- 7.1 The Society shall abide by the regulations set out in the College Guidance for Clubs & Societies.
- 7.2 On an annual basis, in order to remain in good standing with the College the Society will complete the College Society Annual Return.

8 Financial Matters

- 8.1 The Society will be funded entrance fees from events, and any annual contribution from the DCAC.
- 8.2 It may also be supported through commercial sponsorship.
- 8.3 The Society's funds will be held in a bank account.

9 Membership

- 9.1 *Junior Members:* Any junior member at Downing College is eligible for membership and becomes a member on registration. Any undergraduate studying a subject within the Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Engineering and Computer Science will automatically become a member, unless he or she declines membership, notifying the Chair by email or in writing.

9.2 *Senior Members:* Any fellow of Downing College within the Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Engineering and Computer Science will automatically be members of the Society.

9.3 Membership is renewed annually and does not extend past membership of the college.

10 Meetings

10.1 The Society shall meet at least once a term.

10.2 The Society shall hold at least two talks per year, on topics of scientific interest. Such talks shall constitute meetings of the Society.

10.3 The Society shall endeavor to hold further social gatherings as decided by the members of the Committee.

11 Disciplinary Processes

11.1 The Society's only disciplinary sanctions are to expel or to suspend a member whose actions are felt to be such as to bring the Society into disrepute, or to adversely affect the smooth running of the Society in a major way.

11.2 Such expulsion or suspension can only be effected by a majority vote of all Executive Committee members, excluding the President.

11.3 In the event of an expulsion, the excluded member is required to return all equipment, documents and finances belonging to the Society within 7 days. If the excluded or suspended member wishes to appeal the decision, that appeal should be made to the President, who will consider all the facts, and whose decision will be final.

11.4 An appeal as to the process of exclusion, but not a further investigation into the facts, may be lodged with the President of the Downing College Amalgamation Club.

12 Dissolution

12.1 The Society may be dissolved at a General Meeting provided that at least twenty-one days written notice of the intention to dissolve the Society has been given to the members.

12.2 At least two thirds of those present and voting at the General Meeting must vote in favour of the motion for Dissolution for it to be effective.

12.3 Any motion for Dissolution of the Society shall provide that assets remaining after all liabilities have been met shall be transferred either to another Registered College Society, or to the Downing College Amalgamation Club.

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