



## The London School of Economics and Political Science

### Alumni Association Constitution

#### 1. Preamble:

- 1.1. In order to promote a beneficial relationship between the School, its alumni and other members of the academic and the professional world and society in general, The Council of The London School of Economics and Political Science (**Council**) agreed in 2005 to create the London School of Economics Alumni Association (the **Alumni Association**).
- 1.2. The Alumni Association will receive financial and administrative support from the School and will not itself raise funds.
- 1.3. The School's alumni relations team and the Alumni Association are expected to work closely together.
- 1.4. As permitted by the School Memorandum and Articles, an Alumni Association representative (being the chair for the time being of the Alumni Association, or another representative nominated by the Alumni Association) will be admitted as a Governor of the School.
- 1.5. The activities of the Alumni Association will be carried out having regard to this Constitution.

#### 2. Name:

The Name of the Alumni Association shall be the 'London School of Economics and Political Science Alumni Association'.

#### 3. Definitions:

- 3.1. **LSE and School** means the London School of Economics and Political Science.
- 3.2. **Alumni Group Electoral College** means the electoral college established by the Alumni Association for the purposes of facilitating the participation by Recognized Groups in approving the appointment of Elected EC Alumni and for the amending, repealing or adding to of this Constitution.
- 3.3. **Alumnus/a** and **Alumni** means a former student of the LSE as defined in the LSE General Academic Regulations and who has completed at least one continuous term of a course of study.
- 3.4. **Elected EC Alumni** means Executive Committee members other than ex-officio School members.
- 3.5. **Executive Committee** means the body referred to in Article 6.
- 3.6. **Recognized Group** means any LSE Alumni group recognized as such at the relevant time by the Alumni Association.
- 3.7. **Retired member of Staff** means an individual who has been directly employed by the School to work full-time at the School for at least one continuous term, and who no longer works full-time at the School.
- 3.8. **Student** means an individual who has registered on a course of Higher Education at the School.

#### 4. Objectives:

- 4.1. The objectives of the Alumni Association, shall be (but not limited to):
  - 4.1.1. To promote a beneficial relationship for academic, professional and social reasons, between the School, Alumni and other key stakeholders.
  - 4.1.2. To strengthen and support the effectiveness, membership and activities of Recognized Groups and promote their activity for the benefit of the School and the School's wider objectives.

- 4.1.3. To promote and strengthen the relationship between the School, LSE alumni and friends, for the benefit of the School and the School's wider objectives.
- 4.1.4. To promote the School's presence nationally and internationally to key stakeholders for the benefit of the Alumni Association, the School and the wider community and to promote and protect the academic reputation of the School.
- 4.1.5. To represent the views of Alumni and to assist and advise the School in key activities including student recruitment and career development.
- 4.1.6. To promote, encourage and assist in effective communications between the School, Alumni groups and individual Alumni.
- 4.1.7. To work in partnership with the School's alumni relations team to promote the objectives of the Alumni Association and those of the School.

## **5. Membership:**

- 5.1. The Alumni Association shall have three types of members:
  - 5.1.1. Individual
  - 5.1.2. Recognized Group
  - 5.1.3. Honorary
- 5.2. Individual members:
  - 5.2.1. Individual membership shall be automatic to every Alumna and Alumnus.
  - 5.2.2. External Degree holders, International Programme Degree holders, Summer School and Language Course attendees, and Occasional students are not counted as Alumni as they do not register as students at the School.
  - 5.2.3. The Alumni Association is not empowered to expel an Alumna or an Alumnus from the Alumni Association. This does not prevent the Executive Committee, for cause, from requiring an Alumna or Alumnus to step down from an Alumni leadership role or being barred by the Executive Committee from holding an Alumni leadership role.
- 5.3. Recognized Groups:

The Alumni Association shall determine the basis on which groups of Alumni are to be approved as Recognized Groups and the basis on which such groups may, for good cause be derecognized.
- 5.4. Honorary members:
  - 5.4.1. Holders of an Honorary LSE degree.
  - 5.4.2. Retired staff of the School will be granted honorary membership subject to approval by the Alumni Association.
  - 5.4.3. The Alumni Association may grant honorary membership to any individual who has been recommended by an Alumna or Alumnus or by the School for his or her long-term support of the School, its aims and activities and its wider objectives.
  - 5.4.4. The Alumni Association is not empowered to expel an Honorary member from the Alumni Association.
- 5.5. No charge for membership:
  - 5.5.1. Membership of the Alumni Association shall be free of any fee or charge. This does not prevent a Recognized Group from requesting a fee from or making a charge on its members.

## **6. The Executive Committee:**

- 6.1. Responsibility and Power
  - 6.1.1. The Executive Committee is responsible for the management of the Alumni Association and shall exercise all powers of the Alumni Association.
  - 6.1.2. The Executive Committee may delegate any of its powers or functions (including any of the functions given to the Alumni Association under this Constitution) to such committee, working group or individual as it thinks fit.
  - 6.1.3. The Executive Committee shall make and maintain byelaws for the better administration of the Alumni Association.
  - 6.1.4. The Executive Committee and anyone with delegated responsibility shall be accountable to the Alumni Association membership.
- 6.2. The Executive Committee Composition
  - 6.2.1. The Executive Committee shall comprise:
    - 6.2.1.1. Elected EC Alumni

6.2.1.1.2. Ex officio School alumni relations representatives.

6.2.2. The number of ex officio School alumni relations representatives shall not exceed one quarter of the total number of Executive Committee members for the time being.

6.2.3. Elected EC Alumni shall serve on a voluntary basis..

6.3. The process for electing Elected EC Alumni shall be determined by the Alumni Association and set out in published byelaws.

**7. Annual Report to Court:**

7.1. The Chair of the Alumni Association shall provide an annual report to the School's Court of Governors.

**8. Terms of the Constitution:**

8.1. The provisions of this Constitution may be amended, repealed or added to by resolution of a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the Alumni Group Electoral College.

8.2. No alterations of the Constitution of the Association shall be effective without the consent of Council.

**Approved by requisite two-thirds vote of Alumni representatives on 1 August 2016 and by Council on 10 January 2017.**