

Bournemouth Universities Christian Union

Constitution

1. Name:

- 1.1. The society shall be called 'Bournemouth Universities Christian Union' and for the purposes of this document shall be hence forth referred to as 'BUCU'.

2. Aims and Objectives:

- 2.1. The aim of BUCU is to unite all of the Christians on campus, and to train and equip them to serve the student community in Bournemouth.

- 2.2. Christians are united, regardless of denomination, around the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (here on referred to as UCCF, see section 10 for more details) doctrinal basis, as follows:

2.2.1. There is one God in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2.2.2. God is sovereign in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.

2.2.3. The Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible Word of God. It is the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.

2.2.4. Since the fall, the whole of humankind is sinful and guilty, so that everyone is subject to God's wrath and condemnation.

2.2.5. The Lord Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son, is fully God; he was born of a virgin; his humanity is real and sinless; he died on the cross, was raised bodily from death and is now reigning over heaven and earth.

2.2.6. Sinful human beings are redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of their representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between them and God.

2.2.7. Those who believe in Christ are pardoned all their sins and accepted in God's sight only because of the righteousness of Christ credited to them; this justification is God's act of undeserved mercy, received solely by trust in him and not by their own efforts.

2.2.8. The Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective to individual sinners, enabling them to turn to God from their sin and to trust in Jesus Christ.

2.2.9. The Holy Spirit lives in all those he has regenerated. He makes them increasingly Christ-like in character and behaviour and gives them power for their witness in the world.

2.2.10. The one holy universal church is the Body of Christ, to which all true believers belong.

2.2.11. The Lord Jesus Christ will return in person, to judge everyone, to execute God's just condemnation on those who have not repented and to receive the redeemed to eternal glory.

3. Membership:

- 3.1. Membership is open to all students at Bournemouth University (here on referred to as BU) and the Arts University College Bournemouth (here on referred to as AUCB) who are willing to be united in the common profession of faith and witness of BUCU.
- 3.2. No membership fees shall be charged.
- 3.3. Members may join or leave BUCU at any time.
- 3.4. Members have the right to nominate people for the Committee, see section 5 for more details, at the General Meeting, see section 4.

4. General Meeting:

- 4.1. A General Meeting will take place on the 23rd November 2011.
- 4.2. During the General Meeting the members will nominate the successors to the Committee, see section 5 for more detail.

5. Committee:

- 5.1. The Committee will be chosen based on the nominations made by the members at the General Meeting, see sections 3.4 and 4.
- 5.2. The Committee will contain members of BU and AUCB, who will take on roles including, but not limited to, President, Evangelism Coordinator, International coordinator and AUCB coordinator.
- 5.3. The following Student's Union for Bournemouth University (here on referred to as SUBU, see section 8 for more details) recognised roles will be filled by BU students on the committee; President; Treasurer; Secretary; and Safety Officer.
- 5.4. A member of BUCU who is a BU student, but not necessarily on the committee will fill the role of Equipment Officer.
- 5.5. The Committee will contain a President and a Secretary, both of whom will be a BU student.
- 5.6. The Committee will also contain a Treasurer who will be a BU student and a Health and Safety officer and an Equipment officer, both of whom will be a member of BUCU and may be either a BU student or an AUCB student. In addition to these roles, these three members will also take on one or more of the BUCU specific committee roles, listed in 5.8.
- 5.7. The rest of the Committee will be made up of additional members who will only take on one or more of the BUCU specific roles, listed in 5.8.
- 5.8. The BUCU specific roles include, Evangelism Coordinator, International Coordinator, AUCB coordinator, Communications officer, Cell Coordinator, Worship Coordinator and Prayer Coordinator.

6. Activities:

- 6.1. Regular activities include, but are not restricted to; main meetings on Wednesdays; prayer meetings on Tuesdays; and Tea and Toast or Water on fortnightly Fridays.
- 6.2. BUCU also attend and assist with Global Café run by the Chaplaincy.
- 6.3. Annually BUCU runs events at Freshers, a 'house party' weekend away, and an events week.
7. Finances:
 - 7.1. The Treasurer, see section 5.3 for more details, shall organise BUCU's finances in accordance with SUBU's rules and regulations.
8. SUBU:
 - 8.1. BUCU will be affiliated with SUBU.
 - 8.2. If SUBU should make continued affiliation dependent on amendment to this constitution, the members of BUCU will be notified at the next meeting and the committee, in conjunction with BUCU's other members, would make a decision.
9. Advisory Meeting:
 - 9.1. An advisory meeting will take place termly.
 - 9.2. This shall be a meeting between at least two members of the Committee and representatives of the local churches and UCCF.
10. UCCF:
 - 10.1. BUCU will be affiliated to UCCF.
 - 10.2. In the event of changes to the UCCF doctrinal basis (see section 2.2 for more details), affiliation can be revoked by the Committee, in conjunction with the other BUCU members (i.e. the members of BUCU will be consulted in the event of doctrinal changes to UCCF, their opinions about the course of action will be gathered, but the final decision rests with the Committee).
11. Discipline:
 - 11.1. Committee members (see section 5) must agree by signature to the BUCU Leadership Code of Conduct.
 - 11.2. Committee members are also bound by the SUBU constitution (found at <http://www.subu.org.uk/files/constitution.pdf>) and subject to the authority of Union disciplinary panel, see sections 1 and 2 of schedule 1 of the constitution for more details.
 - 11.3. Any breach of the BUCU Leadership Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action following consultation with the attendees of the Advisory Meeting (see section 9 for more details on the advisory meeting).
12. Interpretation:

12.1. The responsibility for the interpretation of this constitution resides with the Committee
and with SUBU in the event of disputes within the committee.