

REVIVE Constitution

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ESTABLISHMENT AND PARTICULARS

1. 'REVIVE' is a political party established to contest the University of Western Australia Student Guild annual general election. This is REVIVE's Constitution, created with the goal of transparently outlining the party's functions, objectives, processes, and standards.
2. REVIVE Members, Candidates, and Councillors are expected to read, understand, and be accountable to this Constitution, its provisions, and its guidelines at all times.

DEFINITIONS

3. For the purposes of this Constitution, unless otherwise specified:
 - (a) **Campaign Team** means the group of REVIVE Members who formulate REVIVE's strategy for contesting a Guild General Election.
 - (b) **Candidate** means a Guild Member who has nominated and been accepted by the Returning Officer to stand as a candidate in a Guild General Election.
 - (c) **Codes of Conduct** has the meaning given to that term in the Student Guild Election Regulations.
 - (d) **Constitution** means this document.
 - (e) **Day** means any 24 hour period commencing at 12:00 am and concluding at 12:00 am the following calendar day.
 - (f) **Formal Defect** has the meaning given to that term in the Student Guild Election Regulations.
 - (g) **Group Agent** means the most recent person to serve as the 'Group Agent' as defined in the Student Guild Election Regulations.
 - (h) **Guild** means the 'Student Guild' as defined in the University of Western Australia Act.
 - (i) **Guild Council** has the meaning given to that term in the University of Western Australia Statute.
 - (j) **Guild Councillor** means a 'Student Guild Councillor' as defined in the Student Guild Regulations.

- (k) **Guild General Election** has the meaning given to that term in the Student Guild Regulations.
- (l) **Guild Misconduct** has the meaning given to that term in the Student Guild Regulations.
- (m) **Guild President** means ‘President of the Guild’ as defined in the Student Guild Regulations.
- (n) **Guild Year** has the meaning given to that term in the Student Guild Regulations.
- (o) **NUS** means the National Union of Students.
- (p) **NUS Representative** means a position listed in Table E of Schedule One of the Student Guild Election Regulations.
- (q) **Office Bearer** means a position listed in Tables A, B, and C of Schedule One of the Student Guild Election Regulations.
- (r) **Ordinary Guild Councillor** means a position listed in Table D of Schedule One of the Student Guild Election Regulations.
- (s) **Returning Officer** has the meaning given to that term in the Student Guild Election Regulations.
- (t) **REVIVE Candidate** means a Guild Member, who is also a REVIVE Member, who has nominated and been accepted by the Returning Officer to stand as a candidate for a Guild General Election on behalf of REVIVE.
- (u) **REVIVE Councillor** means a Guild Councillor who is also a REVIVE Member.
- (v) **REVIVE Member** means a person who has nominated and been accepted as a member of REVIVE in accordance with this Constitution.
- (w) **REVIVE President** means the most recent REVIVE Candidate to contest the position of Guild President.
- (x) **Student Guild Regulations** means the Student Guild Regulations made by the Senate of the University.
- (y) **Ticket** means the team of REVIVE Candidates contesting a Guild General Election.

- (z) **University Working Day** has the meaning given to that term in the University of Western Australia Statute clause six.
- (aa) **University of Western Australia Act** means *University of Western Australia Act 1911* (WA).
- (bb) **University of Western Australia Statute** means the University of Western Australia Statute made by the Senate of the University.
- (cc) **UWA** or **University** means the University of Western Australia.

INTERPRETATION

- 4. In the event of an inconsistency between a provision of this Constitution and a provision of the Student Guild Regulations the provision of the Student Guild Regulations shall prevail.
- 5. In the event of a contest of the interpretation of this Constitution the Ticket shall have the power to rule in determining the correct interpretation. If no active Ticket is established, the REVIVE President and Group Agent shall have the power to rule in determining the correct interpretation.

FUNCTIONS AND OBJECTIVES OF REVIVE

- 6. The function of REVIVE is to contest the annual Guild General Election with a complete Ticket comprising all relevant Office Bearers, Ordinary Guild Councillors, and NUS Representatives.
- 7. The objective of REVIVE is for honest, driven, and authentic REVIVE Councillors to sit on Guild Council.
- 8. REVIVE Members shall stand by and be accountable to the party's Purpose and Values Statement at all times.
- 9. REVIVE, its Members, Candidates, and Councillors shall always be and remain accountable to the students of the University of Western Australia.

REVIVE MEMBERSHIP

- 10. Membership of REVIVE shall include REVIVE Candidates, REVIVE Councillors, and any other person nominated and accepted to become a REVIVE Member in accordance with this Constitution.

11. A person, other than a REVIVE Candidate or REVIVE Councillor, may become a REVIVE Member by being nominated by an existing REVIVE Member, such nomination being accepted in writing by the REVIVE President.
 - (a) There shall at all times be an up-to-date record of the names of REVIVE Members maintained by the REVIVE President.
12. All REVIVE Members must be enrolled students at the University of Western Australia.
13. All REVIVE Members must adhere to all relevant Codes of Conduct at all times.
14. All REVIVE Members are entitled to an equal vote on any motion presented at a meeting of REVIVE Members.
15. A REVIVE Member's membership shall lapse:
 - (a) For any REVIVE Member, upon the REVIVE Member providing written notice of their resignation from REVIVE; or
 - (b) For a REVIVE Councillor, at the conclusion of the REVIVE Councillor's term in office; or
 - (c) For an unsuccessful REVIVE Candidate, upon the ratification of the outcome of the Guild General Election by the Western Australian Electoral Commission; or
 - (d) For any other REVIVE Member, one year after becoming a REVIVE Member; or
 - (e) For any other REVIVE Member, upon the REVIVE President ending their membership.
16. The REVIVE President may, at their discretion, end a REVIVE Member's membership by providing written notice of such cancellation to the REVIVE Member.
17. The REVIVE President may, at their discretion, extend a REVIVE Member's membership by providing written notice of such extension to the REVIVE Member.

REVIVE STRUCTURE

18. The Ticket shall represent REVIVE during the campaign for each Guild General Election.
19. The Ticket shall be led by the REVIVE President in conjunction with the Campaign Team.

20. Membership of the Campaign Team shall be open to all REVIVE Members on an opt-in basis. The Group Agent shall automatically be a member of the Campaign Team.
21. The quorum for a meeting of REVIVE Members shall be 50% of REVIVE Members plus one and must include the REVIVE President and the Group Agent.
22. The REVIVE President must, in addition to any other duties they hold:
 - (a) Direct and represent the Ticket and the Campaign Team; and
 - (b) Attend and chair all meetings of REVIVE Members; and
 - (c) Regularly report to REVIVE Members the status of REVIVE and the status of activities undertaken by REVIVE.

REVIVE COUNCILLORS

23. All REVIVE Councillors must adhere to the duties of their role set out in the Student Guild Regulations and relevant Student Guild Department or Committee Rules and perform any other duties prescribed by this Constitution.
24. All REVIVE Councillors must regularly report to Guild Council on the activities undertaken by themselves and any committees they serve on. They must also present an annual report to the Guild Council meeting held in November on the activities undertaken during their term in office.

REVIVE ELECTIONS

25. A REVIVE election shall be held annually for the position of REVIVE President.
 - (a) The winner of such election shall become the REVIVE President-elect and shall lead REVIVE together with the REVIVE President until the ratification of the outcome of the Guild General Election by the Western Australian Electoral Commission.
26. All REVIVE Members are entitled to an equal vote in a REVIVE election.
 - (a) REVIVE Members may attend and vote in a REVIVE election by online means. However, no proxy votes are allowed.
27. All REVIVE elections shall be supervised and overseen by an impartial Election Convener. The Election Convener shall have the power to undertake reasonable action they deem appropriate to ensure the fair and compliant conduct and administration of an election.

- (a) The Election Convener shall be appointed by the REVIVE President.
 - (b) In the event of a dispute as to the appointing of an Election Convener, a REVIVE Member may pursue dispute resolution procedures in accordance with this Constitution.
28. To be eligible to hold and nominate for the position of REVIVE President, a person must:
- (a) At the close of the nomination period comply with the eligibility requirements set out in the Student Guild Election Regulations; and
 - (b) Be nominated by another REVIVE Member who has not nominated anyone else; and
 - (c) Be a current REVIVE member.
29. Where only one eligible nomination is received in a REVIVE election, a confidence vote will occur. The nominee must achieve a simple majority of support to be declared as elected to that position by the Election Convener. Where a nominee does not achieve such majority, the position will remain vacant until a new eligible nomination is received by the Election Convener.
- (a) Where there is a tied vote, the REVIVE President may elect to cast a tie-breaking vote.
30. Candidates may engage in campaigning on their own behalf but must not procure or encourage anyone else to campaign on their behalf. Campaigning must at all times comply with the Student Guild Election Regulations.
31. Voting for positions will occur via secret ballot, with an optional-preferential voting system.
32. Each candidate in a REVIVE election may nominate one scrutineer to supervise the counting of ballots by the Election Convener, by providing written notice of the scrutineer's name to the Election Convener prior to the election.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

33. Where a dispute arises between REVIVE Members relating to REVIVE, the REVIVE President shall act as mediator in relation to the dispute. If the REVIVE President is unable to act as mediator due to a conflict of interest, they shall designate that duty to an impartial person capable of acting as mediator.

34. Where a dispute arises concerning the interpretation or an alleged breach of this Constitution, the Ticket may decide by simple majority, or the President and Group Agent may decide by consensus, to establish a panel of REVIVE Members to review the dispute.
- (a) Such panel shall consist of the REVIVE President and up to two other REVIVE Members, appointed by simple majority by a vote of the Ticket.
 - (b) Such panel must meet to consider the dispute within seven days of the panel being established.
 - (c) Such panel shall be empowered to rule on the correct interpretation of this Constitution and take reasonable action they deem appropriate in relation to breaches thereof.
 - (d) Such panel shall disband upon making such a ruling. A separate panel may be established by simple majority of the Ticket at a later date to consider a separate dispute.

AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION

35. The Ticket, or no less than 20% of all REVIVE Members, may propose amendments to this Constitution by providing the proposed amendments to the REVIVE President in writing.
- (a) Amendments to this Constitution must be approved by a two-thirds majority at a meeting of REVIVE Members.

DISSOLUTION

36. The Ticket, or no less than 20% of all REVIVE Members, may propose the dissolution of REVIVE by providing notice of such proposal to the REVIVE President in writing.
- (a) Such dissolution must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of REVIVE Members.

APPENDIX: REVIVE PARTY PURPOSE AND VALUES

REVIVE Party Purpose

We, REVIVE, exist to champion the idea of unlocking the true potential of the University of Western Australia Student Guild. Our foundation is built upon an unwavering commitment to refocus the Guild's current representation to be more supportive and resilient.

REVIVE is a politically independent grassroots movement of passionate UWA students that will stand for and with students, tirelessly advocating for students' rights and needs. Our commitment to independent thought ensures our actions are driven by the best interests of the student body, free from external influence. We are involved in all aspects of University life (including clubs, faculty societies, sport, residential colleges, volunteering, and academia), and are a resilient force that is innovative in our approach to addressing the current issues with student life.

With determination and vision, we will be successful in reviving the culture, representation, and community within the UWA Student Guild!

REVIVE Values

Resilient

In the face of adversity, we remain steadfast in our commitment to improving the culture and approach of the Guild. Our actions will speak louder than words, as we work tirelessly to cultivate a positive and inclusive environment. We are prepared to advocate passionately for the students until we realise our objectives.

Supportive

We aim to empower the Guild to be a supportive arm for all students, all clubs, and all faculties, prioritizing servant leadership and student unionism. Our focus is on fostering support for and by students, built on trust, mutual respect, and inclusivity.

Innovative

As a student-led collective, we prioritize innovation by developing creative solutions to address the evolving needs of our members. Our student-first approach ensures that the Guild remains responsive to the educational, social, and financial priorities of the student body, fostering an environment that empowers our members to thrive.

Successful

Our success is defined by tangible victories for students and the realization of practical objectives within our terms in office. We embrace self-accountability, refrain from claiming credit for others' efforts, and prioritize people and concrete action over partisan politics.

Independent Thought

We value independent thought, encouraging free-thinking within the party and ensuring all views are acknowledged, respected, and heard. Prioritizing members over legacy, we maintain a flat hierarchy with no binding votes, allowing everyone the opportunity to ask questions, talk, discuss, and debate.