

## **Proposed Constitutional Amendment, Michaelmas 2017**

The Executive Committee propose (a) renaming the “Junior Member of Council and Governing Body” to the “Vice-President” and (b) making it simpler to rename officers in future. They have therefore called a referendum to propose the following Constitutional amendment.

### **Amendment wording**

That the Constitution be amended as specified by Schedule 1, but only if by the end of 2018: (a) these Constitutional amendments are approved by the College Council, and (b) the Standing Orders are amended to complement these Constitutional amendments, as specified by Schedule 2; and with the Constitutional amendments taking effect immediately upon fulfilment of these conditions.

### **Schedule 1: Constitutional amendments**

#### **Constitutional amendment 1**

*This amendment removes the Secretary and the Junior Member of Council and Governing Body from the list of officers explicitly established by the Constitution. This is done to make future renaming or repurposing of these officers possible without a Constitutional amendment.*

In Article IV Section 6 of the Constitution, delete subsections *b* and *d*, and renumber the remaining subsections appropriately.

#### **Constitutional amendment 2**

*This amendment adds to the Constitution a requirement for KCGS to elect the graduates who serve on Council and Governing Body, and for them to be members of the Executive (in the absence of an explicit establishment of an officer with that purpose). The requirement is met by Standing Order VI.14.*

In Article IV of the Constitution, before Section 8 insert the following new Section, and renumber the subsequent Sections appropriately:

The Standing Orders must provide for the election of graduate students to the College’s Governing Body and Council, in compliance with the procedure for electing junior members to the Governing Body and Council specified by the College’s Ordinances. These elections must also return the winning candidates to serve as Officers of the Executive Committee, and be held in compliance

with the procedure for electing Officers of the Executive Committee specified by this Constitution.

## **Constitutional amendment 2**

*This amendment empowers future referendums to amend the Constitution and the Standing Orders simultaneously. At present, the Standing Orders cannot be amended by referendum; this means that a referendum to rename an officer named in the Constitution must be accompanied by schedule of complementary amendments to the Standing Orders to be proposed if the referendum passes. The mechanism for amending Standing Orders by referendum matches that for amending the Constitution.*

In Article IV Section 3 of the Constitution, for the current text substitute:

- Standing Orders may be created, amended, or repealed by a motion passed by:
- a. a two-thirds majority at a General Meeting with a quorum of 15, or
  - b. a two-thirds majority on a Referendum in which at least 50 Members or one-fifth of the Membership, whichever is fewer, vote in favour of the change.

At least two days' notice of any proposed changes must be given to all Members.

## **Schedule 2: Complementary amendments to the Standing Orders**

### **Complementary amendment 1**

*This amendment adds the establishment of the Secretary and the Vice-President (renamed from the Junior Member of Council and Governing Body) to the Standing Orders, having removed them from the Constitution. It also removes a sub-clause which defines the “principle administrative officers of the society” (i.e. the officers who must be elected, and cannot be co-opted); this provision is re-added later in Complementary amendment 3.*

In Standing Order I.1, for the current text substitute:

**Composition.** The Executive Committee, also hereinafter referred to as the “Executive”, shall consist of the Officers explicitly established by Article IV Section 6 of the Constitution, along with the following Officers:

- a. the Vice-President;
- b. the Secretary;
- c. two, three or four Social Secretaries;
- d. the Welfare Officer;

- e. the Academic Affairs Officer;
- f. the International Students' Officer;
- g. the Domus Officer;
- h. the Women's Officer;
- i. the LGBT+ Officer;
- j. the Equality Officer;
- k. the Environmental Officer;
- l. the Sports and Societies Officer;
- m. the Computing Officer.

### **Complementary amendment 2**

*This amendment generalises the current provision that voting rights on Council and Governing Body cannot be delegated (these are not KCGS's powers to assign, but are held by the individual by right of their election to a College position).*

In Standing Order I.4, for “the voting rights of the Junior Member of Council and Governing Body” substitute “Officers’ voting rights”.

### **Complementary amendment 3**

*This amendment re-adds the definition of “principle administrative offices of the Society” (formerly those officers explicitly established in the Constitution) next to the requirement that these roles are always filled through a by-election, and updates the definition to include the officers which have been moved from the Constitution to the Standing Orders.*

In Standing Order I.5, for the current text substitute:

**Required By-election.** The Officer positions explicitly established by Article IV Section 6 of the Constitution, and the positions of Vice-President and Secretary, are the principle administrative offices of the Society. Vacancies among the principle administrative offices of the Society may only be filled through a by-election.

### **Complementary amendment 4**

*This amendment renames the Junior Member of Council and Governing Body to the Vice-President wherever else it occurs in the Standing Orders.*

Throughout the Standing Orders, for “Junior Member of Council and Governing Body”, in each place it occurs, substitute “Vice-President”.

## **Complementary amendment 5**

*This amendment re-orders the listing of Officers, to provide consistency with the new order of establishment.*

In Appendix A to the Standing Orders, move clause 3 to be immediately after clause 1; move clause 5 and to be immediately before clause 2; and then re-number the clauses in the Appendix to be in ascending order.