

The Constitution of the University of Western Ontario Debate Society

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1.0 Definitions

1.1 "The Members" refers to all persons who have paid membership fees for that given year and remain in "good standing" with the society as defined under article 5.6.

1.2 "The President" refers to the member who has paid membership fees, is in "good standing" with the society and has been elected in accordance with the regulations outlined in article 13.

1.3 "The Executive" refers to the members who have paid membership fees, are in "good standing" with the club and have been elected in accordance with the regulations outlined in article 13.

1.4 "The University" refers to The University of Western Ontario, in London, Ontario, Canada, its administration and governing student organization: University Students Council (USC).

1.5 "The Canadian university Society for Intercollegiate Debate" refers to the governing body of University level debate in Canada herein called "CUSID".

1.6 "Novice Debater" refers to any member who has paid membership fees, is in "good standing" with the society, and conforms to the "CUSID" definition of a Novice debater.

1.7 "Cease to operate" means the failure of the society to hold a general meeting for one full year and/or failure to elect new Executive members for one year.

1.8 "Honoris causa" shall refer to the holding of a position without the duties and powers usually associated with that title.

1.9 Proxy votes

1.9.1 "Proxy votes" refer to votes for a motion or candidate at a general meeting cast by a member in "good standing" present at that meeting on behalf of another member in "good standing" not present at that meeting.

1.9.2 "Directed proxy votes" refer to proxy votes whereby the aforementioned non-present member decides how their vote will be cast.

2.0 Name

2.1 The Society's official name is "University of Western Ontario Debate Society".

2.2 The name may be abbreviated to "UWODS". No other name will be used in the promotion or representation of the club except for those aforementioned.

3.0 Purpose

3.1 The purpose of the UWODS is to facilitate and encourage the acquisition and refining of debating and public speaking skills on the University Campus.

3.2 To field participants in competitive debating and speaking tournaments throughout North America and abroad.

3.3. To represent the University in the Canadian University Society for Intercollegiate Debate.

4.0 Authority

4.1 The jurisdiction and powers assumed by the Society in this Society's Constitution and any amendments thereto arise from autonomous self-governing authority and do not require the approval of any authority other than that of the Society itself.

4.2 The governing body of the Society is the General Assembly which is responsible for all matters of policy and for government and regulation of the Society.

5.0 Membership

5.1 Both general and Executive membership shall be made available to all and only to students of UWO main campus and its affiliate colleges.

5.2 Membership fees will be set prior to September 1st by the President and Vice-President Finance.

5.3 Membership fees will be approved by the Executive prior to September 1st each year and must pass by majority.

5.4 All members must pay membership fees and register their name, student number, and email prior to attending any meetings, participating in tournaments, holding an Executive position or voting in a general meeting.

5.5 Members must remain "in good standing" as defined below or will have their membership revoked.

5.5 - To remain in Good Standing, Members must attend at least one-third of regular meetings in the year or at least one-half of regular meetings in the second semester of the year.

5.5.1 - A two-thirds vote of the Executive can name somebody a Member if and only if they have attended at least one-fifth of regular meetings.

5.6 All members hold one equally weighted vote in general meetings and society elections.

5.7 Votes for general membership must pass by simple majority of all members present.

5.8 All memberships will expire on August 31st.

5.9 Any Member of the Cabinet may nominate a person to be Member of the Society honoris causa.

5.9.1 A two-thirds vote of the Executive, which must be called with the written consent of the nominated person, is required to appoint the nominated person Member of the Society honoris causa.

6.0 Government

6.1 General Assembly

6.1.1 At least one general assembly will be held each semester.

6.1.2 Elections, general votes, constitutional matters must be tabled during general meetings.

6.1.3 Two weeks' notice will be given from the Executive for all general meetings.

6.1.4 Only paid members in "good standing" may vote in general meetings.

6.1.5 Only directed proxy votes will be permitted.

6.1.6 Agendas for general meetings will be set by the President and must pass the Executive by majority vote.

6.1.7 Minutes will be made available to all society members.

7.0 Executive Membership

7.1 Executive Officers

7.1.1 The voting members of the Executive shall be: i. President ii. Vice-President, Training Portfolio iii. Vice-President, Finance Portfolio iv. Vice-President, Logistics Portfolio vi. Two Members-at-Large

7.1.2 At least one Member-at-Large shall be a novice debater.

7.1.3 The Executive shall be responsible for the administration of the day-to-day affairs of the UWODS in accordance with policy and direction dictated by the General Assembly.

7.1.4 All core executives must be involved in all HST organizational committees (excluding WSDC) and/or judge in all rounds (excluding out rounds)

7.1.5 During the period between General Assemblies, the Executive is empowered to act for the General Assembly, except in circumstances which, in the opinion of the President, warrant the calling of a special meeting of the General Assembly. All actions taken during this period shall be fully reported at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

7.1.6 The Executive shall accompany all financial transactions and orders of compensation with written documentation.

7.2 Non-Executive Officers

7.2.1 The non-Executive officer of the UWODS may be the: i. University Tournament Director ii. High School Tournament Director iii. Fundraising Director

8.0 Finance and Banking

8.1 The administration of the Society's funds shall be in the best interests of the Society and shall be the responsibility of the General Assembly.

8.2 The banking affairs of the UWODS shall be transacted with such banks, or other corporation carrying on a banking business, as the General Assembly may, from time to time, designate by resolution, and all such banking affairs shall be transacted on behalf of the UWODS by such persons as the Society may designate by resolution.

8.3 The UWODS year shall begin on April 1 and end on March 31 of the following year.

9.0 Amendments

9.1 Proposed amendments to the constitution may be submitted to any member of the Executive upon the announcement of a general meeting.

9.2 The amendment shall be written and disseminated to all membership at least one week prior to the general meeting.

9.3 A motion must be made to hear debate on the amendment at the general meeting.

9.4 Amendments to the constitution must attain a two-thirds majority vote.

9.5 Amendment will take effect immediately upon their passing.

10.0 Dissolution

10.1 Dissolution of the UWODS will require a consensus of all membership in "good standing".

10.2 Dissolution of the UWODS will require a notification of dissolution signed by the current serving Executive addressed to the University of Western Ontario.

10.3 Any resources financial or otherwise will be given to the University.

10.4 Dissolution will occur if the Society or Executive cease to operate.

11.0 Duties of the Executive

11.1 All Executive Members

11.1.1 Shall be a member of the Society throughout their term and upon ceasing to be a member of the Society shall cease to hold their office.

11.1.2 Shall be primarily concerned to foster, organize and mobilize the participation of the membership.

11.1.3 Shall maintain a file specifically relating to their portfolios that will be useful for their successors to the position.

11.1.4 Shall, upon election, provide the Executive and the office of the Society with up-to-date contact information.

- 11.1.5 Shall further the long-term interests of the Society.
- 11.1.6 Shall grant requests made by any Executive member for access to records or information, which will be made available within three business days.
- 11.1.7 Shall not accept any form of compensation for promoting a third party or its affairs to the general membership.
- 11.1.8 Shall attend at least two tournament as a judge or at least one tournament in a Pro-Am team during the course of the year, subject to the needs of the Society.

11.2 The President

- 11.2.1 Will have signing authority for the society's finances and co-sign cheques as necessary.
- 11.2.2 Will oversee the other Executive members and ensure portfolio fulfilment.
- 11.2.3 Will chair all general and Executive meetings.
- 11.2.4 Should the President be unable to chair a meeting the President shall delegate an ad hoc chair.
- 11.2.5 Will propose meeting agendas to the Executive for final approval.
- 11.2.6 Will represent the UWODS in CUSID affairs.
- 11.2.7 Will act as a liaison between the UWODS and the University's Administration.
- 11.2.8 Will hold a permanent position on the General Tournament Selection Committee (GTSC) as outlined in Section 19.5.
- 11.2.9 Will submit a report at the end of the year outlining the President's term, and a copy of the year's Executive and general meeting agendas and minutes to the incumbent President.
- 11.2.10 Will transfer signing authority to the new President when elected.
- 11.2.11 Will hold voting power at Executive meetings.
- 11.2.12 Upon the expiration of the President's term, the President may assume the position of "Past President" and sit on the following year's Executive as a non-voting member.

11.3 Vice-President: Training

- 11.3.1 Will manage and update UWODS training resources.
- 11.3.2 Will develop and locate additional resource manuals, fact files, articles, and other training resources and disseminate them to society members.
- 11.3.3 Will coordinate and run in-house seminars and training workshops.
- 11.3.4 Will instigate and oversee the bidding process for tournaments by giving written notice to the Executive members prior to the bid process and motioning for a vote that must pass by simple majority.

11.3.5 Will hold a permanent position as chair of the GTSC as outlined in Section 19.5.

11.3.6 Will keep an accurate record of UWODS' debaters' performances at all tournaments.

11.3.7 Will coordinate in-house tournaments with the Executive members at large.

11.3.8 Will submit a report at the end of the year outlining the VP training's term.

11.3.9 Will hold voting power at Executive meetings.

11.4 Vice-President: Finance

11.4.1 Will oversee and have signing authority for all society finances and co-sign cheques as necessary.

11.4.2 Will keep up to date records of all financial transactions.

11.4.3 Will distribute a monthly report to all Executive members outlining the monthly financial transactions and attaching a copy of the current ledger and bank statements.

11.4.4 Will set a membership fee prior to September 1st and motion for its passing by the Executive.

11.4.5 Will solely collect membership fees and distribute a membership revenue report to the Executive.

11.4.6 Will work with tournament directors in preparing budgets and bring them to the Executive for approval.

11.4.7 Will approve member expenses submitted within thirty days and reimburse as necessary.

11.4.8 Will send registration fees on behalf of competing teams.

11.4.9 Will be responsible for seeking and securing sponsorship and external funding prior to September 1st and throughout the year.

11.4.10 Will hold a rotating position on the GTSC as outlined in Section 19.5.

11.4.11 Will submit a report at the end of the year outlining the VP Finance's term and attaching a copy of the year's ledger and all bank statements.

11.4.12 Will transfer signing authority to the new VP Finance when elected.

11.4.13 Will hold voting power at Executive meetings.

11.5 Vice-President: Communications

11.5.1 Will keep and maintain a membership list with up to date contact information for all members.

11.5.2 Will send a weekly newsletter to all members with information on upcoming tournaments, meetings, and any notices from the Executive.

11.5.3 Will maintain and update the UWODS' promotional material including but not limited to: the website, social media sites, and posters.

11.5.4 Will act as recording secretary for both Executive and general meetings, see Appendix A for model minutes and agenda.

- 11.5.5 Will record all motions, votes, and action items.
- 11.5.6 Will distribute minutes within 24 hours to all members present and invited.
- 11.5.7 Will notify the President if unable to temporarily perform duty of recording secretary (if absent for example) so The President can appoint an acting recording secretary.
- 11.5.8 Will be responsible for organizing club recruitment events.
- 11.5.9 Will be responsible for organizing public debates and other promotional events.
- 11.5.10 Will coordinate with other organizations on campus for collaborative events
- 11.5.11 Will set with the approval of the President an agenda for all meetings and email it to all invited members at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- 11.5.12 Will hold a rotating position on the GTSC as outlined in Section 19.5.
- 11.5.13 Will submit a report at the end of the year outlining the VP Communication's term and attaching a copy of all meeting minutes and agendas for the year.
- 11.5.14 Will hold voting power at Executive meetings.

11.6 Vice-President: Logistics

- 11.6.1 Will have signing authority for society finances.
- 11.6.2 Will be responsible for booking rooms and venues for all society activities including but not limited to weekly practices and Executive meetings.
- 11.6.3 Will organize accommodation and transportation for all tournaments.
- 11.6.4 Will be responsible for UWODS' insurance.
- 11.6.5 Will assist tournament directors in the operation of in-house tournaments.
- 11.6.6 Will maintain contacts with Western's administration in conjunction with the President.
- 11.6.7 Will hold a rotating position on the GTSC as outlined in Section 19.5.
- 11.6.8 Will submit a report at the end of the year outlining the VP Logistics' term.
- 11.6.9 Will transfer signing authority to the new VP Logistics when elected.
- 11.6.10 Will hold voting power at Executive meetings.

11.7 Members-at-Large

- 11.7.1 Will represent the general membership of the club and raise concerns of members to the Executive.
- 11.7.2 Will organize at least 1 social event per month to maintain the social atmosphere of the club
- 11.7.3 Responsible for general oversight of novice retention by engaging with members during meetings and socials
- 11.7.4 Will organize an internal in-house tournament each semester
- 11.7.5 Will hold a rotating position on the GTSC as outlined in Section 19.5.

11.7.6 Will hold voting power at Executive meetings.

12.0 Duties of Non-Executive Officers

12.1 All Non-Executive Officers

12.1.1 Shall be a member of the Society throughout their term and upon ceasing to be a member of the Society shall cease to hold their office.

12.1.2 Shall further the long-term interests of the Society.

12.2 University Tournament Director

12.2.1 Will oversee and manage all aspects of their appointed tournament.

12.2.2 Will establish and appoint an organizing committee of UWODS members.

12.2.3 Will provide weekly reports to the Executive in Executive meetings in the last ten weeks leading up to the tournament.

12.2.4 Will provide preliminary plans and budgets to be approved by the Executive at least two months prior to the tournament.

12.2.5 Will present all financial decisions to the Executive for approval and submit all receipts to the VP finance.

12.2.6 Will submit a report within one week of the tournaments close.

12.2.7 Will attend Executive meetings when invited by the President.

12.2.8 Will not hold voting power at Executive meetings.

12.3 High School Tournament Director

12.3.1 Will oversee and manage all aspects of their appointed tournament.

12.3.2 Will establish and appoint an organizing committee of UWODS members.

12.3.3 Will communicate information to schools via email and the OSDU website.

12.3.4 Will provide weekly reports to the Executive in Executive meetings in the last ten weeks leading up to the tournament.

12.3.5 Will provide preliminary plans and budgets to be approved by the Executive at least two months prior to the tournament.

12.3.6 Will present all financial decisions to the Executive for approval and submit all receipts to the VP Finance.

12.3.7 Will submit a report within one week of the tournaments close.

12.3.8 Will attend Executive meetings when invited by the President.

12.3.9 Will not hold voting power at Executive meetings.

12.4 Past-President

12.4.1 Will attend Executive meetings when invited by the President.

12.4.2 Will not hold voting power at Executive meetings.

12.5 Fundraising Director

12.5.1 Will oversee and manage all aspects of their appointed position.

12.5.2 Will research and apply for all relevant grants, bursaries, and awards in conjunction with the VP Finance and President.

12.5.3 Will organize fundraising events both internally and externally to raise money for the club.

12.5.4 Will attend Executive meetings when invited by the President.

12.5.5 Will not hold voting power at Executive meetings.

13.0 Executive Election Process

13.1 - The President shall chair the Election process.

13.2 - The President shall appoint at least one Member to serve as Election Officers.

13.3 - The President and the Election Officers may not vote.

13.4 - The President shall set the Election date.

13.5 - The election date shall be prior to the first day of the University's undergraduate spring exam season.

13.6 - Nominations and self-Nominations must be submitted to the President by midnight five days in advance of the Election.

13.7 - A complete list of Candidates shall be distributed to the Members immediately after the Nomination deadline has passed.

13.7.1 - If a prospective Candidate is not on this list through no fault of their own, they must contact the President to remedy the error by midnight four days in advance of the Election and the updated list must be distributed to the Members immediately.

13.7.2 - Only those on this list shall be considered Candidates and shall be listed on the Ballots.

13.7.3 - The Vice-President Equity and Internal Affairs shall provide a list of all Members who are eligible to vote to every Candidate in the Cabinet Elections once the list of Candidates is confirmed.

13.8 - Candidates shall also be permitted to publish their platforms for distribution to the Members in conjunction with the list of Candidates.

13.9 - Candidates shall be asked to present a speech to the Members in attendance of up to three minutes for all positions and four minutes for the position of President followed by a question and answer period lasting no more than fifteen minutes for each position.

13.10 - Each Member wishing to vote shall rank, in preferential order, as many of the Candidates as they wish.

13.11 - If no Candidate receives a clear majority of first place votes, the Candidate with the fewest number of first place ballots shall be eliminated and that Candidate's ballots shall be reassigned to the next highest ranked preference.

13.12 - If still no Candidate holds a clear majority, step Section 13.11 will be repeated until a candidate is chosen.

13.13 - If still no Candidate holds a clear majority, a new vote with only the top two candidates will be conducted.

13.14 - If still no Candidate holds a clear majority, a final tie-breaker shall be done by a coin toss.

13.15 - All Cabinet positions must be elected in this manner on the Election date set.

13.16 - The ballots shall be counted by the President and both Election Officers.

13.17 - All ballots shall be kept by the outgoing President until the tenth of April, at which point they shall be destroyed.

13.17.1 - The outgoing President and the Election Officers may not show or describe these ballots to anyone, including Members and non-Members of the Society.

13.18 - A recount, or re-vote may be called by either the President or an Election Officer at their discretion. This shall occur in a timely manner, and must happen before the tenth of April.

13.20 - The new Cabinet shall assume their positions on the tenth of April.

13.21 - The outgoing President shall oversee the transition and assure all portfolios are transferred and all reports are submitted by the tenth of April.

13.22 - Any Candidate for Cabinet positions who is unable to attend the Election may select a Proxy to act in lieu of themselves and read a message pre-prepared by the absent Candidate.

13.22.1 - In such cases, all Candidates may submit their platforms to the President for distribution to the Members in advance of the Election meeting.

13.22.2 - Members shall have the opportunity to ask specific questions regarding the platforms prior to the Election.

13.22.3 - Any absentee candidate may also prepare answers to questions that they foresee being asked at the Election but that have not yet been raised; should one of the questions be asked, the Proxy of the absentee candidate shall read the appropriate response.

14.0 Appointment of Non-Executive Officers

14.1 General members must submit a bid to the Executive no later than August 1st.

14.2 The Executive shall interview all applicants. Interviews shall be conducted by the President and at least two other Executive members.

14.3 The Executive shall select non-voting members by majority vote to assume office no later than August 1st.

15.0 Exceptional Circumstances

15.1 All Executive and Non-Executive Officers

15.1.1 Any Executive member who wishes to resign must submit a letter of resignation to the Executive and submit to the President any society related material within 7 days.

15.1.2 Should a position on the Executive become vacant, the Executive may by majority vote, appoint an interim member to serve until a by-election can be held.

15.1.3 No interim Executive member shall serve longer than one month except where outlined below.

15.1.4 By-elections shall follow the same format and process as general elections.

15.2 Presidential By-Election

15.2.1 Should the President wish to resign, a letter of resignation must be submitted to the Executive and surrender all society related material to the Vice President Finance within 7 days.

15.2.2 Should the President resign, the Executive will nominate and elect via secret ballot an interim President.

15.2.3 An interim President shall serve in office until a general meeting can be held and a new President elected which must happen within 1 month of a President's resignation except if a resignation is given between May 1st and August 31st in which case an election must be held by September 30th.

16.0 Recall

16.1 Any member of the Executive or non-Executive officer who commits an act that negatively affects the interests of the society and its members, breaches the fundamental purposes of the club, or violates any article of the constitution is subject to recall.

16.2 Recall of Executive Members

16.2.1 Executive members may be recalled by a 2/3 majority motion by the executive

16.2.2 A motion for recall must be distributed one week prior to an Executive meeting

16.2.3 A motion for recall may not be introduced in new business

16.2.4 The Executive shall notify the member affected by recall within 48 hours of receiving the motion submission

16.2.5 Nominations for the position vacated by recall will open immediately after a successful recall vote

16.2.6 The position vacated by recall shall be filled according to the appropriate by-election procedures

16.3 Recall of Non-Executive Officers

16.3.1 Non-Executive officers may be recalled by a majority vote of the Executive.

16.3.2 The Executive shall notify the officer affected by the proposed recall of the motion no later than 48 hours before a vote on the motion.

16.3.3 The Executive shall select non-voting members by majority vote to fill the position vacated by recall no later than one week following recall.

17.0 Meetings of the UWODS

17.1 The Executive

17.1.1 The Executive shall meet at least once per month.

- 17.1.2 No person shall hold more than one Executive position concurrently.
- 17.1.3 All Executive members shall have one equally weighted vote.
- 17.1.4 All votes called during Executive meetings must pass by simple majority unless otherwise outlined in the constitution.
- 17.1.5 Five voting members must be present to constitute quorum.
- 17.1.6 Executive members must notify the President at least two hours in advance of a meeting if they will be absent.
- 17.1.7 Executive members who are absent more than three times without notice shall be asked to resign.
- 17.1.8 Any Executive member may call a meeting of the Executive.
- 17.1.9 Proposed agendas will be distributed by the President at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- 17.1.10 Minutes will be made available to all members present.
- 17.1.11 Only voting Executive members shall be invited to Executive meetings unless a motion is made and passes by majority vote to invite appointed or general members.
- 17.1.12 Proxy votes may be called via email by the President for urgent matters.
- 17.1.13 Members shall be given 24 hours to respond to Proxy votes.

17.2 Weekly Meetings

- 17.2.1 The Executive shall set weekly meeting times for general debate practices and training seminars.
- 17.2.2 All members in "good standing" shall be invited to weekly meetings.
- 17.2.3 Executive members shall attend all weekly meetings except in cases where a valid reason for absence has been provided to the President. Executive members must notify the President at least two hours in advance of a meeting if they will be absent.
- 17.2.4 Executive members who are absent more than three times in a semester without notice shall be asked to resign.

18.0 Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees

- 18.1 Ad Hoc Committees may be established at the will of the President or as projects arise from organizational business.
- 18.2 Formation of any Ad Hoc Committee will be communicated to all members.
- 18.3 The President will appoint the Ad Hoc Committees members and may disband the Committee at any time.
- 18.4 The Committee will be disbanded after one year unless reviewed and reconstituted by the current serving President.

19.0 TOURNAMENT TEAMS SELECTION PROCESS AND FUNDING

- 19.1 Tournament selection will fall into two categories each with different process: Major and General Tournaments.
- 19.2 A tournaments classification can be changed by a two-thirds vote of the Executive.

19.3 Major Tournament Selection will apply to

- I. World University Debating Championship
- II. North American Debating Championship
- III. North American University Debating Championship (NAUDC)
- IV. Canadian Parliamentary National Championships
- V. Canadian British Parliamentary Championships

19.4 Major Tournament Teams will be selected by a Major Tournament Selection Committee (MTSC) nominated from the Executive and general membership and voted upon by the Executive.

19.4.1 The MTSC will only be arranged if there are more candidates than spots available for a major tournament, otherwise the GTSC standards will apply

19.4.2 Members of the MTSC may not submit a bid to compete.

19.4.3 The MTSC must have no less than three members and no more than seven.

19.4.4 Any Executive wishing to make a bid to compete must abstain from voting on the members of the MTSC.

19.4.5 The MTSC shall elect a chair from among themselves.

19.4.6 Any member in "good standing" may submit an application package to the Chair of the MTSC for review.

19.4.7 The Executive shall announce the bidding process and the MTSC to general membership no less than two weeks before the application deadline.

19.4.8 The MTSC shall review all applications and shall take into consideration past results, debating capabilities and club dedication.

19.4.9 The MTSC will reach a decision by majority vote and the chair will communicate the decision to the VP Training who will notify all candidates.

19.4.10 Unsuccessful candidates can appeal the MTSC's decision by written appeal to the President within 24 hours of the team announcement.

19.4.11 Any appeals will be reviewed by the Executive who alone have the power to reconvene the MTSC by a two-thirds vote. Any Executive who has submitted a bid must abstain from voting on the review.

19.4.12 The Chair will if called re-evaluate any appeals with the MTSC and notify the VP Training of any changes to the team.

19.5 General Tournament Selection will apply to all tournaments attended by the UWODS that are not classified as Major Tournaments in 19.3

19.6 General Tournament teams will be selected by a General Tournament Selection Committee (GTSC) composed of three members: the President, the VP training, and a third rotating position. The third position will rotate amongst the other voting members of the Executive in the order listed in 7.1.1.

19.6.1 The Chair of the GTSC will be the VP Training.

19.6.2 Any member in “good standing” may submit an application package to the Chair of the GTSC for review.

19.6.3 The Executive shall announce the bidding process to general membership no less than one week before the application deadline.

19.6.4 The GTSC will reach a decision by majority vote and the VP Training will notify all candidates.

19.6.5 Unsuccessful candidates can appeal the GTSC’s decision by written appeal to the VP Training within 24 hours of the team announcement.

19.6.6 Any appeals will be reviewed by the Executive who alone have the power to reconvene the GTSC by a two-thirds vote.

19.6.7 The VP Training will if called re-evaluate any appeals with the GTSC and will notify all candidates of any changes to the team.

19.7 Funding for UWODS teams will be decided at the discretion of the Executive by majority vote based on the recommendations of the VP Finance, Logistics, and Training in accordance with the budget and estimated costs.

19.8 No funding will be granted to teams not made up entirely of UWODS members unless the Executive votes in favor of an exception.

19.9 The Executive will endorse self-funded teams under the UWODS name only by majority vote.

19.10 Funding will include all or any part of tournament registration, accommodation, and/or transportation.

19.11 Debaters selected to attend the World University Debating Championship carry the same duties as members of the Executive as detailed in 11.1.8 and 17.2.3 in regard to attending at least two tournaments as a judge or attending at least one tournament in a Pro-Am team and attending weekly meetings.