



“The best form of service is to uplift  
someone's state of mind.”

- Sri Sri

The Constitution  
of  
**SKY Campus Zürich**  
at  
University of Zürich and ETH Zürich

## **Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy**

### **Section 1 – Name and affiliation**

1. The name of this association shall be “**SKY Campus Zürich**” (hereafter, the Association). The association is a non-profit Student club of Swiss universities, governed firstly by the present statutes in accordance with *article 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code*. The seat of the association is in the city of Zürich. The association shall be of unlimited duration.
2. This student body is affiliated with the *International Association for Human Values* (<https://www.iahv.org/>) a charitable, educational organization committed to nurturing Human Values in society. IAHV holds special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The association offers programs to reduce stress and develop leaders by promoting human values among people and communities. In this regard it offers educational programs/seminars that derive from practical mind management tools developed by humanitarian leader and peace ambassador, *Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar* (<https://gurudev.artofliving.org/>).

### **Section 2 – Language**

The official languages are English and German. In case of a conflict, discrepancy or interpretation, the English version will prevail.

### **Section 3 – Purpose**

Our purpose is to offer students/staff stress management techniques and attitudes for personal and professional success through the contemporary and scientific use of yoga, meditation, personal awareness seminars and life enhancing projects. We do this through the following activities:

1. Conduct workshops on campus where participants can experience stress relief and relaxation through evidence-based breathing techniques and meditation.
2. SKY follow-up sessions
3. Provide a safe place for students/staff to dialogue, express concerns, find camaraderie and a sense of belonging.
4. Provide community service projects on and off campus to develop human values and leadership skills.
5. Scientific talks and seminars by invited speakers in the context of mind management and mental well-being.
6. Teach an effective daily stress management routine that students/staff can implement

7. Provide on-going self-development techniques through programs/classes taught by trained SKY instructors. This includes programs in the areas of self-awareness, communication skills, goals implementation, and human values. If the club organizes a SKY Campus Happiness Program, then a workshop fee may be charged.

#### **Section 4 - Non-Discrimination Policy**

1. The association is neutral politically, and non-denominational. It shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, handicap, political views.

### **Article II - Membership**

#### **Section 1 - Definition**

1. Member: All students, staff and trainees currently enrolled at the University of Zürich, ETH Zürich and other academic institutions of higher education in Zürich, regardless of country of citizenship, shall be eligible to be a voting member of the Club.
2. Associate Member: Any interested faculty, administrative staff, alumni or citizens in general who accept the Constitution and its aims and objectives are welcome to join the Club as associate members, without voting rights.

#### **Section 2 - Requirements**

1. All members (Voting, Associate) shall accept the constitution of the Association.

#### **Section 3 - Membership Fees**

1. No membership fee shall be charged to any members. The Club will accept donations from all members and any person or group in favor of the Club objectives.

#### **Section 4 - Functions**

1. The voting members shall have the right to elect and be elected as office-bearers of the Club.
2. The associate members shall be eligible to participate in all the activities but may not vote.
3. An associate member(s) may play an advisory or executive role subordinate to the Executive Board, and be appointed as such by the elected President.

### **Article III - Officers of the Executive Board**

#### **Section 1 - Titles**

1. The Executive Board of the Association shall consist of the following officers:
  - i. The President of the Association.
  - ii. The Vice-President of the Association.
  - iii. The Treasurer of the Association.
  - iv. Further roles can be created as the Executive Board sees fit according to the needs of the Association and are voted in by the General Assembly.

2. The Board shall be chosen through an application process. If more than one person applies for the same position, the officer of that position shall be elected by the voting members; by a majority of affirmative votes of such members present and voting.
3. Only members with voting rights can apply to be a member of the Board. More than half of the board positions must be occupied by members who are currently students.

#### **Section 2 - Terms of Office**

1. Under normal circumstances members of the Executive Board shall hold office for one year, after which they can be re-elected in the general assembly.
2. The one-year term is from the first day of classes of Autumn semester to the day before the first day of classes in Autumn semester of the following year.

#### **Section 3 - Quorum and Voting**

1. A simple majority of voting members is required to constitute a quorum to elect office-bearers of the Executive Board in the event that an election is necessary.
2. All three members of the Executive Board are required to vote on any other decision.
3. Each voting member, including Board members, shall have one vote.

#### **Section 4 - Powers**

1. The executive power of the Association is vested in the Board, to be implemented by the President.

#### **Section 5 - Vacancies**

1. In case of vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall hold the office of the President for the rest of the term and immediate elections for the Vice-President shall be held.
2. The Treasurer shall not double up as, or automatically fill-in the role of Vice-President, and vice versa.
3. If the Vice-President's or Treasurer's office falls vacant, then once again immediate elections are held.

### **Article IV - Functions and Qualifications of the Officers**

#### **Section 1 - The President**

1. Qualifications
  - a. Any general member, who has been a member of the Club for at least six months prior to the election day, is eligible for election to this office. This rule does not apply to the first election.
  - b. No candidate shall be elected for more than two consecutive terms unless the voting membership, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds, waives this restriction.

## 2. Duties

- a. The President shall be the presiding officer of the Executive Board.
- b. The President shall represent the Club in correspondence or through personal contacts with individuals and groups outside the membership of the association.
- c. In case of his/her inability to do so, the President shall appoint any member(s) to represent the Club.
- d. The President shall prepare, or assign someone to prepare an annual general report on the activities of the Club for presentation to all members.

### **Section 2 - The Vice-President**

#### 1. Qualifications

- a. Any voting member of the Club is eligible for election to this office.

#### 2. Duties

- a. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of his/her duties.
- b. The Vice-President shall act as the President in event that the President is absent.
- c. The Vice-President takes over the President's role in the event that the latter dies, resigns, etc.

### **Section 3 - The Treasurer**

#### 1. Qualifications

- a. Any voting member of the Club is eligible for election to this office.

#### 2. Duties

- a. The Treasurer shall present to the Board periodical financial statements of income and expenditures of the Club.
- b. The Treasurer shall administer the finances of the Club and have the power to receive and disburse the money in the name of the Club, within the limit provided by the Executive Board.

## **Article V - Advisers**

### **Section 1 – Qualification**

1. Any member, voting or general, may be appointed in a primary advisory capacity. They must bring with them a special expertise with respect to SKY techniques or organizational experience. Alumni of the association who are no longer members of the university could be appointed as advisors to assist the current board through their experience.

### **Section 2 - Duties**

1. The responsibilities of the adviser are to be determined by the special background of the person filling this post. Therefore, it may be by virtue of his/her administrative contacts, or some special expertise with respect to SKY techniques, that he/she will fulfill this role.

## **Article VI – Method of Removing Officers and Members**

1. Should the event arise that a majority of the group senses that the removal of an officer/member is an appropriate measure for valid reasons in order to help the group

progress, any member may propose a vote to remove such officer/members from the club. The proposal notion to vote must be seconded by another member, after which a vote will be conducted by which a simple majority will confirm the removal of such officers/members. No Officer or member shall be removed on the basis of any discriminatory criteria for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, handicap, political views.

## **Article VII – Meetings and general assembly**

### **Section 1 – Required meetings and their frequency**

1. Each fiscal year, at least one ordinary GA takes place, preferably before the Autumn semester.
2. Extraordinary general assembly can be convened anytime upon request of the board or 1/5 of the members (by means of a written request). Agenda items need to be included in the announcement.
3. The Treasurer shall present financial statements on demand at such meetings.

### **Section 2 – Duties of the general assembly**

The general assembly is responsible for all activities of the association. The general assembly supervises the work of the board. The general assembly discusses and decides on matters related to the club and the requests of its members. The following lists common responsibilities:

1. Approve the protocol of the last general assembly.
2. Elect the board and decide on the advisers.
3. Approve the annual financial statement (for the past year) and the budget (for the coming year).
4. Decides about possible changes to the constitution
5. The GA decisions are public and are decided with a majority vote. A tied vote is decided by the president.
6. A general assembly which has been properly convened automatically has a quorum, as long as at least the president or vice-president and treasurer (or a representative of the treasurer) are present.

## **Article VIII - Constitutional Amendments**

### **Section 1 - Procedure**

1. At least one meeting involving a quorum of voting members should be held between a proposal to amend the Constitution and the actual amendment itself.
2. Amendments to the Constitution shall be made at the General assembly.
3. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the quorum members is necessary to pass an amendment.

## Article IX – Method of Dissolution

### Section 1 – Circumstances and procedure

1. The Club shall be dissolved if, for two consecutive Semesters, no successful events (such as presentations, discussions, readings, guest-seminars, etc) were organized.
2. Before dissolution, financial statements shall be prepared and shown to all relevant parties.
3. This Club shall function on voluntary member and non-member donations, and University grants. So the question of debt does not arise. Unused funds shall be proportionately requited to the contributors, or donated to similarly oriented organizations, as per contributors' wishes.

For the Association



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