

Summary of Proposed Changes to RUSU Clubs Regulations and Model Constitution - September 2026

Minor Updates across Club Regulations and Model Constitution

- Adjustments to formatting to maintain consistency and formatting conventions, including line spacing, indentation, font size and style.
- Correction of spelling, grammatical and numbering errors.
- Updating language and terminology to be consistent across documents.
- Minor changes, updates or clarifications to any outdated or ambiguous clauses that do not materially change the contents of the clause.

Club Regulations

- Removal of Appendix 1 Grants Schedule, this is outdated and not in use.
- Change to the provisional affiliation approval requirements to make it more flexible whilst retaining similar level of oversight.
- Number of Full Members required to start a Club increase from 20 to 30, in line with current practice (20 to maintain affiliation or restart a lapsed Club will remain the same).
- No longer allowing Social Members to be Executives when no Full Members are able to fill the position, it isn't appropriate for a Club that restricts its Full Membership to a specific cohort or group to have a Social Member who isn't part of that cohort or group as an Executive.
- Clarifying that only Full Members have voting rights, this was always the case but making it more explicit to avoid any confusion.
- Remove the requirement for Executives to be financial members of RUSU, this is not enforced and not necessary.
- Change to Executive Committee meeting requirements to reduce the required number of meetings that must be run in-person, and to encourage a review of the Clubs financial situation prior to expenditure approvals.
- Change to the submission closure deadline for Executive nominations from '2 weekdays before' to 'up to 48 hours before' to allow more flexibility for Clubs.
- Adjusted the additional eligibility criteria that allows for Clubs to require previous experience on the Clubs Executive/Management Committee to only be applicable to the President role.
- Changes and additions to the Club disciplinary procedures to outline a more transparent process to be followed and for added flexibility where appropriate.

- Addition of a 'Creative Clubs Transition' clause to allow for variation in some of our requirements to accommodate the transition.

RUSU Clubs Model Constitution

There are some changes that are just reflecting updates made to the Regulations above and will not be listed here.

- Change to Associate Member requirements (non-RMIT students) to require that they must be endorsed by an existing Full Member (RMIT student) of the Club prior to their membership being approved.
- Additional clauses to clarify and outline the election requirements and process for Executive Committee members, there are no changes in process here and they reflect the requirements in the Regulations, this just outlines it clearly for Clubs.
- Adjusting clauses to outline the process of creating and filling a new Executive position, this process is not changing just for clarity.
- Adding flexibility around holding AGMs outside of Semester where required.
- Changing petition/quorum requirements for Small Clubs, functional change is minor, this is primarily to make this more consistent and less confusing.
- Added a clause to allow Clubs to formally dissolve by Executive meeting with permission when necessary.

The previous Section 14 will be replaced by the newly added Sections 14 & 15.

- Section 14: Dismissal from Management/Executive Committee
 - This section will handle the process for dismissal of a member of the Executive/Management Committee from their position.
 - Non-Executive Committee Member dismissal is broadly the same, dismissing an Executive Committee member is similar but with added flexibility in the case of more sensitive or private situations.
- Section 15: Disciplinary Procedure
 - This section replaces the previous disciplinary procedure and provides a more flexible process that can allow the Club to respond to a variety of situations in an appropriate manner, with the assistance of the Clubs Department and other relevant staff/RMIT departments where necessary.