

## CONSTITUTION OF OPERATION FRIENDSHIP

October 2015



### **1. NAME**

- 1.1 The name of the club shall be "Operation Friendship", hereafter referred to as the Club.

### **2. OBJECTIVES AND AIMS**

- 2.1 To welcome and help all international tertiary students.
- 2.2 To help with the practical and spiritual needs of international students and to provide pastoral care.
- 2.3 To create opportunities to meet New Zealand families and to be welcomed into New Zealand homes.
- 2.4 To create opportunities to experience New Zealand culture and the New Zealand outdoors.
- 2.5 To create a home away from home, an international student community, where friendship and support is encouraged among international students on campus.
- 2.6 To promote understanding and friendly relations between people of different cultures.
- 2.7 The objectives of the Club shall not contradict with the aims, objectives and policies of the University of Canterbury Students' Association Inc.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1 Membership of the Club shall be made by application.
- 3.2 Membership of the Club shall be open to all international students who are current or graduated University of Canterbury students.
- 3.3 Membership of the Club shall also be open to all international students who are current or graduated students of other New Zealand tertiary institutions at the discretion of the committee.
- 3.4 Membership of the Club shall be open to New Zealanders from local churches at the discretion of the committee.

### **4. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.1 Any Member may resign by giving written notice to the Secretary.
- 4.2 Membership terminated in the following way:
  - 4.2.1 If, for any reason whatsoever, the Committee is of the view that a Member is breaching the Rules or acting in a manner inconsistent with the purposes of the Club, the Committee may give written notice of this

to the Member ("the Committee's Notice"). The Committee's Notice must:

4.2.1.1 Explain how the Member is breaching the Rules or acting in a manner inconsistent with the purposes of the Club;

4.2.1.2 State what the Member must do in order to remedy the situation; or state that the Member must write to the Committee giving reasons why the Committee should not terminate the Member's Membership.

4.2.1.3 State that if, within 14 days of the Member receiving the Committee's Notice, the Committee is not satisfied, the Committee may in its absolute discretion immediately terminate the Member's Membership.

4.2.1.4 State that if the Committee terminates the Member's Membership, the Member may appeal to the Club.

4.2.2 14 days after the Member received the Committee's Notice, the Committee may in its absolute discretion by majority vote terminate the Member's Membership by giving the Member written notice ("Termination Notice"), which takes immediate effect. The Termination Notice must state that the Member may appeal to the Club at the next Meeting by giving written notice to the Secretary ("Member's Notice") within 14 days of the Member's receipt of the Termination Notice.

4.2.3 If the Member gives the Member's Notice to the Secretary, the Member will have the right to be fairly heard at a Club Meeting held within the following 28 days. If the Member chooses, the Member may provide the Secretary with a written explanation of the events as the Member sees them ("the Member's Explanation"), and the Member may require the Secretary to give the Member's Explanation to every other Member within 7 days of the Secretary receiving the Member's Explanation. If the Member is not satisfied that the other Club Members have had sufficient time to consider the Member's Explanation, the Member may defer his or her right to be heard until the following Club Meeting.

4.2.4 When the Member is heard at a Club Meeting, the Club may question the Member and the Committee Members.

4.2.5 The Club shall then by majority vote decide whether to let the termination stand, or whether to reinstate the Member. The Club's decision will be final.

## 5. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

5.1 The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, unless they:

5.1.1 Resign, or

5.1.2 Lose a vote of no confidence at a General Meeting during their term of office.