

# **Statutes of the Faculty Association FMG (Fv-FMG)**

## **1. Name**

1. The name of the Association is: The Faculty Association of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences.
2. The Association is located in Amsterdam.
3. The Association may also be referred to by its Dutch acronym, 'FV-FMG'.
4. The FV-FMG was founded on ... [date].

## **2. Purpose**

1. The purpose of the Association is to represent the interests of its member associations and/or other students and to represent the interests of the members of the member associations in the broadest sense.
2. To achieve its purpose, the Association will carry out activities including but not limited to:
  - a. promoting communication between the member associations;
  - b. promoting collaboration between the member associations;
  - c. promoting the exchange of knowledge between the member associations;
  - d. forming a consultative body to support communication with the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and UvA bodies;
  - e. organising joint activities for the members of the member associations and/or other students in the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences.

## **3. General Membership Meeting**

1. At least two members from each member association (not including the chairs) must be present at each General Membership Meeting.
2. The FV-FMG will call a General Membership Meeting at least twice a year.
3. During a General Membership Meeting, any board or member association may be appointed, discharged, expelled, suspended or called to account. The associated procedures are set out in the Standing Regulations.
4. A member of the FV-FMG Board may be suspended or dismissed by a two-thirds majority of votes during a General Membership Meeting. The Board Member in question is not entitled to vote on the issue.
5. Members of member associations have the right to request a General Membership Meeting.
6. In the event of a vote concerning a particular member association, that member association cannot cast a vote.
7. More details on voting procedures can be found in the Standing Regulations.

## **4. Members**

1. Any study association connected to the UvA Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences can become a member.
2. At the time of creation of the FV-FMG, the following study associations joined as member associations:

- Kwakiutl Anthropology Study Association (Cultural Anthropology)
- Comenius (Pedagogical Sciences, Educational Sciences, Academic PABO Amsterdam)
- Machiavelli (Political Science)
- Pegasus (Interdisciplinary Social Sciences)
- SEC: Sociologisch EpiCentrum (Sociology)
- Mercurius Study Association (Communication Science)
- Sarphati Study Association (Human Geography and Urban and Regional Planning)
- VSPA: Association of Students in Psychology at Amsterdam (Psychology)

3. To become a member association of the FV-FMG, the approval of at least a two-thirds majority during a General Membership Meeting is required.

4. Each of the member associations named above holds one position as a member of the FV-FMG Board and thereby represents the members of the member association concerned.

## **5. Board**

1. The Board is appointed by a General Membership Meeting.

2. Any natural person may be appointed to the Board, provided they are also a board member of a member association of the FV-FMG.

3. A maximum of one board member per member association may join the Board of the FV-FMG.

4. The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer together comprise the Board. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. These three positions at a minimum must be occupied within the FV-FMG.

## **6. Other bodies**

1. The FV-FMG has a Presidium.

2. The FV-FMG has an Audit Committee.

3. All other matters concerning these bodies will be governed by regulations to be adopted by a General Membership Meeting.

## **7. Bookkeeping**

1. The amount of the FV-FMG membership fee for member associations will be determined by a General Membership Meeting, taking account of the budget.

2. The budget of the FV-FMG must be approved at a General Membership Meeting with at least two-thirds of votes.

3. The budget of the FV-FMG will be established for the period from 1 October to 30 September inclusive.

## **8. Amendments to the Charter 1.**

1. The Charter may be amended by at least a two-thirds majority of votes at a General Membership Meeting.

2. The Association may be dissolved by at least a two-thirds majority of votes at a General Membership Meeting.

## **9. Standing Regulations**

1. Standing Regulations will be adopted by a General Membership Meeting.

2. The Standing Regulations may not derogate from the Charter.
3. At a minimum, the Standing Regulations will contain:
  - a. The names of the member associations.
  - b. The detailed procedure for becoming a member of the FV-FMG.
  - c. The further procedure for termination of membership.
  - d. The detailed procedure for the organising of activities, the minimum number of member associations that must participate before an activity can be organised in the name of the FV-FMG, how activities will be funded, and how any financial surpluses or deficits will be handled.
4. The Standing Regulations will be adopted by at least a two-thirds majority of votes at a General Membership Meeting.

## **10. Rules of Procedure**

1. Rules of Procedure will be adopted by a General Membership Meeting.
2. The Rules of Procedure may not derogate from the Charter.
3. At a minimum, the Rules of Procedure will contain the detailed procedure for organising a General Membership Meeting.
4. The Rules of Procedure will be adopted by at least a two-thirds majority of votes at a General Membership Meeting.