

Articles of Association of the «Student Association ZHdK» (VSZHdK)

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A General Provisions

§1 Name and Registered Office

¹ An association exists under the name «Student Association ZHdK» within the meaning of Art. 60 ff of the Swiss Civil Code, with its registered office in Zurich.

² The association is politically and religiously independent.

§2 Purpose and Objective

¹ The Student Association ZHdK supports the student organization VERSO (see Rules of Procedure of the VERSO Student Organization (GO-SO)). It represents the interests of ZHdK students to the best of its knowledge and belief.

² The Student Association ZHdK finances the student organization VERSO. It ensures compliance with the social security and tax law requirements that arise in connection with the work of the association and VERSO.

³ The Student Association ZHdK promotes contact between ZHdK students in the departments, the entire university, and beyond.

⁴ The Student Association ZHdK promotes cultural diversity of student life.

B Organization

§3 Organs

The Student Association ZHdK has the following organs:

- a) General Assembly (MV),
- b) Executive Board (VS),
- c) Auditor

§4 General Assembly (MV)

¹ The General Assembly of the Student Association ZHdK is the highest body of the association.

² The MV comprises all members of the Student Association ZHdK, who are entitled to vote if present.

³ The MV decides in particular on:

- Election of the Executive Board and the Auditor
- Approval of the annual financial statements and the budget by a simple majority
- Approval of the annual report of the Executive Board by a simple majority
- Discharge of the Executive Board by a simple majority
- Determination of membership fees for the next financial year, upon request by a simple majority
- Amendment of the statutes of the Student Association ZHdK by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

⁴ The General Assembly of the Student Association ZHdK takes place at least once per calendar year, in the last quarter. It is prepared and conducted by the Executive Board and communicated to all members in an appropriate form.

⁵ All members of the Student Association ZHdK may submit agenda items to the General Assembly that do not fall within the remit of any other body of the Student Association ZHdK or VERSO. In case of doubt, the Executive Board shall decide.

⁶ The MV must be announced at least six weeks before it takes place.

⁷ The agenda and relevant documents must be made available to all members of the VSZHdK within a reasonable period of time

⁸ A MV constitutes a quorum if at least twenty members of the Student Association ZHdK are present. Of these, two members from each department of the ZHdK who are not members of the Executive Board of the Student Association ZHdK must be represented.

§5 Extraordinary General Assembly (AMV)

¹ An extraordinary General Assembly (AMV) may be requested by:

- a. the Executive Board of the Student Association ZHdK,
- b. at least 10% of the members of the Student Association ZHdK, of which at least 10 members must come from at least three different departments of the ZHdK, by written request to the Executive Board, including justification,
- c. individual members or groups of individual members, by submitting a written request to the Executive Board, including reasons, whereby the Executive Board shall decide whether to hold the meeting.

² The Executive Board is responsible for convening an AMV if one of the conditions listed in paragraph 1 (a) to (c) is met.

³ An AMV must be held within three months of the fulfillment of one of the conditions listed in paragraph 1 a) to c).

⁴ The conditions listed in §4 6-8 apply.

§6 Executive Board (VS)

¹ The VS of the Student Association ZHdK constitutes itself.

² The VS of the Student Association ZHdK consists of ten persons. They are composed of the student council in accordance with GO-SO, ex officio.

³ The members of the Executive Board are members of the Student Association ZHdK.

⁴ The terms of office correspond to the terms of office of the members of the Student Council in accordance with GO-SO.

⁵ The VS of the Student Association ZHdK holds annual elections in the second quarter to fill the following positions:

- President and Vice President or Co-Presidium in conjunction with the Presidium of VERSO;
- Financial Executive, who is also a member of the Presidium;
- Secretariat

and informs the association's members about the filling of these positions. The secretariat may be filled by an external person.

⁶ The President has sole signing authority; in the case of a co-Presidium, both parties have collective signing authority. With respect to the bank, the Financial Executive is authorized to sign individually; the secretariat signs collectively with respect to the bank..

⁷ The VS may delegate tasks and areas of responsibility within and outside the VS.

⁸ The VS has a quorum if at least five voting members of the VS are present. Decisions are made by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the Presidium has the casting vote.

⁹ The VS prepares an annual report and annual financial statements, including an audit report, for the members of the Student Association ZHdK and forwards these, together with the resolutions of the General Assembly, to the Rector of the ZHdK.

§7 Auditors

The auditor reviews the accounts on behalf of the VS and the MV and prepares the annual financial statements and an audit report. The Executive Board may commission an external body to carry out the audit.

C Membership

§8 Regular membership

¹ All students enrolled at ZHdK can become members of the Student Association ZHdK and are considered regular members.

² Regular membership begins automatically upon payment of the membership fee together with the tuition fee.

³ Members may resign from the association with effect from July 1 or December 1 by giving written notice to the secretariat of the Student Association ZHdK. for the forthcoming semester.

⁴ Even before enrollment, students may declare in writing that they do not wish to become members of the association.

§9 Honorary membership

Honorary membership is granted to former members of the Student Council from the SO-ZHdK for up to three years after exmatriculation.

D Finances and resources

§10 Resources

¹ In order to pursue the association's purpose and finance the activities of the student organization VERSO, the Student Association ZHdK has the following resources at its disposal:

- Membership fees,
- Contributions from ZHdK in accordance with a separate service agreement,
- Contributions from ZHdK through mandate agreements,
- Income from events and activities of the association, and
- loans or third-party funds, whereby the independence of the association is maintained.

² The Executive Board shall decide on the use of funds.

³ The Student Association ZHdK agrees on further services with the ZHdK in accordance with the above-mentioned service agreement.

§11 Financial year

A financial year of the ZHdK Students Association corresponds to the academic year. It begins on August 1 and ends on July 31 of the following calendar year.

§12 Compensation

Work performed for the Student Association ZHdK is compensated by the association.

§13 Liability

The association's assets shall be solely liable for the liabilities of the Student Association ZHdK. Personal liability of the members is excluded.

E Changes to the legal basis

§14 Motion to amend the statutes

¹ Any member of the Student Association ZHdK may submit a motion to amend the association's statutes to the General Assembly.

² Editorial amendments to the Articles of Association may be decided and implemented by the VS.

F Dissolution of the association

§15 Dissolution of the association

¹ The dissolution of the association can only be decided by a General Assembly convened for this purpose.

² The MV must have a quorum in accordance with §4 (6).

³ The resolution on the dissolution of the association requires a two-thirds majority of the members of the association present at the MV and entitled to vote.

§16 Association assets upon dissolution

¹ Upon dissolution of the association, its assets shall be transferred to an organization with fundamentally the same objectives.

² If there is no successor organization, the association's assets shall be transferred to the ZHdK for administration until a successor organization is established.

³ If no successor organization is established within two years of the dissolution of the association, the association's assets shall be transferred to a fund within the Fondation ZHdK. This fund shall be used to support students from all departments who are experiencing financial difficulties during their studies.

G Final and transitional provisions

§17 Validity

These Articles of Association were approved by the General Assembly on November 23, 2023, and replace the version dated November 5, 2020. They shall enter into force on January 1, 2024.

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