

Magyarországi Filippínó Diákok Szövetsége

History of the Association of Filipino Students in Hungary

The Association of Filipino Students in Hungary (AFSHu) was conceived and idealized through the efforts of Filipino students. Two things prompted the creation of a Filipino student association: students from various countries have their own student associations and the number of Filipino students in Hungary keeps on growing through the years. These two reasons inspired the Filipino students to establish their own student association that specifically catered to the needs of Filipino students. As such, preliminary meetings were organized to draft the Constitution and Bylaws of the association.

On 1 April 2023, the first General Assembly was held at the University of Physical Education in Budapest where thirty-two Filipino students from various Hungarian Higher Educational Institutions attended the event. The association was also recognized by the Embassy of the Philippines. His Excellency Ambassador Frank Cimafranca, the Philippine plenipotentiary to Hungary, attended the General Assembly and extended his felicitations to the association. In addition, representatives from two Filipino organizations, Bayanihan and Mabuhay, were invited to strengthen partnership with the newly organized student association. Mrs. Maria Perpetua Tiu-Borza from Debrecen was duly recognized by the association for her tireless efforts to bring closer the Filipino student community.

During the General Assembly, the proposed Constitution and Bylaws of the association were presented to the members. After reviewing and finalization, the members signed a binding document that solidified the Constitution and Bylaws of the association. The election of interim officers was also conducted and Airnel Abarra, a doctoral student from the Hungarian University of Sport Science, was elected as an interim president.

On 25 November 2023, the second General Assembly was held at the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences in Gödöllő. Jose Antonio Lorenzo Tamayo, a doctoral student from the University of Debrecen, was elected and now serving as the incumbent president of the association.

ASSOCIATION OF FILIPINO STUDENTS IN HUNGARY CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Association of Filipino Students in Hungary, to fully realize our purpose as a symbol of Filipino identity and representation of Filipino student community in Hungary, do hereby adopt and establish this constitution as the guiding instrument of our organization:

ARTICLE I – OFFICIAL NAME

- **Section 1.** This group shall be called the Association of Filipino Students in Hungary. It shall adopt the acronym AFSHu (hereafter referred to as the 'Association').
- **Section 2.** *Official Logo.* The Association carries the official logo as depicted in the cover page of this document.
- **Section 3.** The domicile and principal office of the Organization shall be designated by the incumbent officers.

ARTICLE II – GENERAL PROVISION

- **Section 1.** *Mission Statement.* To establish a dynamic network of Filipino students in Hungary by providing a safe and supportive academic and professional environment to continue the exchange of ideas and education, promote collaboration, and foster the spirit of volunteerism.
- **Section 2.** *Vision Statement.* The Association of Filipino Students in Hungary (AFSHu) aspires to be a symbol of Filipino identity and representation of Filipino students dedicated to pursue academic and professional excellence while cognizant of the responsibilities to be of service to the greater Filipino community in Hungary and anywhere in the world.

Section 3. Aims and Objectives

- 3.1 To enhance and develop its members to the fullest in all aspects of their person, providing opportunities for positive growth and supporting any activity geared towards such objectives.
- 3.2 To promote and develop its members through holding discussions, seminars, conferences, training, and other related activities geared towards their total development.
- 3.3 To serve as an active forum for the ideas and sentiments of its members, upholding the rights and welfare of all Filipino students in Hungary.

- 3.4 To foster and maintain cordial relationships among its members as well as other students, alumni, the Philippine Government through the Philippine Embassy in Hungary, the Hungarian Government, Filipino organizations in Hungary, and the society.
- 3.5 To promote active participation in local, national, and global activities in building bridges between cultures.
- 3.6 The AFSHu shall serve to effectively represent and advocate for Filipino students in Hungary.

Section 4. Core Values

Integrity - Filipino students in Hungary should reflect strong ethical principles in their personal and professional lives, and maintain respect for others' fundamental freedoms.

Excellence - Filipino students in Hungary will constantly endeavor to achieve the highest standards in their respective fields.

Social Responsibility - Filipino students in Hungary will strive to develop an understanding on prevailing social issues in the community and shall volunteer their expertise and contribute to effective civic programs in the society.

Nationalism - Express the identity of the Filipino heritage through its initiatives and values.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

- **Section 1.** Membership shall be voluntary, and therefore, must be applied for by interested individuals.
- Section 2. Classifications and Qualifications of Members. The members shall be classified as follows:

2.1 Regular Members

- a. A Filipino citizen or has Filipino ancestry regardless of citizenship status and country of origin; and
- b. Presently enrolled in an educational institution in Hungary as a full-time student of a program and/or training of more than six (6) months;

2.2 Associate Members

- a. A Filipino citizen or has Filipino ancestry regardless of citizenship status and country of origin; and
- b. A registered student in an educational institution in Hungary with a program of not more than six (6) months.

2.3 Alumni Members

- a. A regular/associate member of the Association who graduated or had been awarded an academic degree by a Hungarian educational institution; and
- b. Those who graduated from a Hungarian educational institution prior to the promulgation of this constitution and by-laws, who express intention to join the Association.

2.4 Affiliate Members

- a. A Filipino citizen or has Filipino ancestry regardless of citizenship status and county of origin; and
- b. A former student in a Hungarian educational institution in any enrollment status, who was not able to obtain an academic degree, or who is on academic hiatus (nonactive student status), regardless of residence location.
- **2.5** Honorary Membership can be awarded to the following:
 - a. Individuals, regardless of citizenship, who rendered exemplary service and support to the Association in a minimum period of 1 year;
 - b. Must demonstrate ethical and professional excellence and embody the values and ideals of the Association; and
 - c. 2/3 majority vote of the attendees of the General Assembly meeting should approve the endorsement made by the membership committee to the nominee.
- **Section 3.** *Requirements for Membership.* A member must have complied with the following requirements except for the honorary members:
 - a. Approved application for membership with complete documentary requirements; and
 - b. Paid membership fee amounting to 3000 HUF that should be collected every 31st of October. However, it is possible for members to pay it in installment basis: first payment is due every General Assembly, and the second payment is due every 29th of January.
 - c. Failure to pay the remaining balance after the 29th of January would result in the termination of membership if the member failed to pay the balance within seven days after the due date.
 - d. If a member is graduating, they shall be eligible to maintain their standing as a regular member, contingent upon the full payment of the membership fee for the current year. Subsequently, if they seek membership in the ensuing year, they may do so under the classification of an alumni member.

Section 4. Application for Membership.

- a. An applicant for membership shall file a duly accomplished membership form to the Membership Committee and upon screening, recommend to the Board of Directors who shall act upon the application within thirty (30) days from the date of filing.
- b. Application for membership shall be given due course accompanied with a membership fee, the amount of which shall be officially decided by the BOD, which shall be refunded to the applicant in case of rejection.
- Section 5. Appeal. An applicant whose application was denied by the Board of Directors may appeal to the General Assembly and the latter's decision shall be final. For this purpose, the General Assembly may opt to create an appeal and Grievance Committee/ Membership Committee. The Appeal and Grievance Committee/ Membership Committee shall decide appeals on membership application within thirty (30) days upon receipt thereof.
- **Section 6.** *Duties and Responsibilities of a Member*. Every member shall have the following duties:
 - 6.1. Every member shall contribute to the development and welfare of the Association, uphold its Constitution and By-Laws, respect the policies of the Association and host country.
 - 6.2. It shall be the duty of every regular member of the Association to:
 - a. attend the meetings and activities;
 - b. Pay membership fee and all other fees that may be approved by the General Assembly;
 - c. Recognize and uphold the Constitution and By-laws;
 - d. Observe and obey all lawful orders, decisions, rules, and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.
 - e. Observe order and decorum during meetings and other occasions.

Section 7. Rights and Privileges of Members

- 7.1 A regular member shall have the following rights:
 - a. Attend and participate in any affairs of the Association;
 - b. Express ideas, and opinions, propose or suggest any measure, motion, or resolution for the welfare of the Association;
 - c. Be heard in their defense for any charges brought against them;
 - d. Present a defense in favor of any member;

- e. Participate in the decision-making and vote whenever voting is warranted in deliberations as provided by the rules and regulations.
- 7.2 A regular member shall have a status of good standing if the following are sufficed:
 - a. Fully paid the membership fee and not delinquent in the payment of dues and obligations determined by the Association;
 - b. Has participated in the affairs and activities of the Association in accordance with the Association's policies and guidelines hence, certified as member in good standing by the Membership Committee.
- 7.3 It shall be the privilege of any regular member in good standing:
 - a. unless otherwise disqualified by the Membership or Election Committee, to vote or be voted and be elected during the regular election
- 7.4 Any Affiliate and Associate member who is in good standing and with active participation shall have the same rights and privileges as a regular member except to or be voted and elected upon on the elective positions.

Section 8. Members Entitled to Vote

- 8.1 Any regular member of good standing shall be entitled to vote on elections and other Association matters that require voting;
- 8.2 Members who do not have a good-standing status shall have their voting rights suspended until the same have been lifted upon the determination of the Membership Committee.
- 8.3 Consequently, a member entitled to vote shall have the following additional rights:
 - a. Participate and vote on all matters to be deliberated upon during General Assembly meetings;
 - b. Seek any elective or appointive position, subject to the provisions of this Constitution and By-laws; and
 - c. Such other rights and privileges as may be provided by the General Assembly.
- Section 9. *Termination of Membership.* Termination of membership may be automatic, voluntary, or involuntary, which shall have the effect of extinguishing all the rights and privileges of a member in the Association.

- 9.1 Automatic Termination of Membership. The death of a member shall be considered an automatic termination of his/her membership in the Association.
- 9.2 Voluntary Termination. A member may, for any reason, withdraw his/her membership from the Association.
- 9.3 *Involuntary Termination.* A member may be terminated upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors accepted by a vote of the 2/3 majority of all the members in good standing for any of the following causes:
 - a. Has violated any provision of this By-laws and the policies of the Association; and
 - b. For any act or omission injurious or prejudicial to the interest or the welfare of the Association, as defined by the General Assembly.

9.4 As stated in Article III, Section 3, point c, Failure to pay the remaining balance after the 29th of January would result in the termination of membership if the member failed to pay the balance within seven days after the due date.

Section 10. Any Affiliate and Associate member who opts to pay dues and participate in at least one (1) General Assembly meeting shall have the same rights and privileges as a regular member except to nominate or be nominated and to vote and be voted upon.

ARTICLE IV – ADMINISTRATION

- **Section 1.** *The General Assembly (GA)*. The General Assembly is composed of all the members in good standing, duly assembled and constituting a quorum and is the highest policy-making body of the Association.
- **Section 2.** *Powers of the General Assembly.* The General Assembly shall have the following exclusive powers which cannot be delegated:
 - a. To determine and approve amendments to the Association Constitution and By-laws;
 - b. To elect or appoint the members of the Board of Directors, and to remove them for a cause;
 - c. To approve developmental plans of the Association; and
 - d. Execute final decision on deliberations adopting the 2/3 majority vote.
- **Section 3.** *Meetings.* Meetings of the General Assembly may be regular or special. All proceedings and business(es) undertaken at any meeting of the General Assembly, if within the powers or authority of the Association, there being a quorum, shall be valid.
 - 3.1 Regular members are required to attend the meetings for the purpose of exercising all the rights and performing all

the obligations pertaining to them, as provided by the Constitution and By-Laws.

- **Section 4.** *Regular General Assembly Meeting.* The General Assembly shall hold its annual regular assembly every month of October at the principal office of the Association or at any place and day as may be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 5. Special General Assembly Meeting. The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote of all the members of the Board of Directors, call a Special General Assembly meeting at any time to consider urgent matters requiring immediate membership decision. The Board of Directors must likewise call a Special General Assembly meeting within one (1) month from receipt of a written request from:
 - a. at least ten percent (10%) of the total number of members in good standing; or
 - b. the Audit Committee.
- **Section 6.** *Notice of Meeting.* All notices of meetings shall be served by the Secretary or his/her duly authorized representative in writing or through electronic means such as e-mails, cellular phones or social media platforms directed to the members and shall include the date, time, place, and agenda stated therein.
 - 6.1 *Regular General Assembly Meeting.* Notice of the annual Regular General Assembly meeting shall be served at least one (1) month before the said meeting.
 - 6.2 Special General Assembly Meeting. Notice of any Special General Assembly meeting shall be served at least one (1) week before the said meeting.
 - 6.3 *Waiver of Notice.* Notice of any meeting may be waived, expressly or impliedly, by the member concerned.
- **Section 7.** *Order of Business.* As far as practicable, the order of business of a Regular General Assembly meeting shall be:
 - a. Call to Order;
 - b. Proof of due notice;
 - c. Roll Call;
 - d. Reading, consideration, and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting;
 - e. Presentation and approval of the reports of the Executive Officer, Board of Directors, and the committees, including Association Annual Progress Report and all other reports;
 - f. Unfinished business;
 - g. New business;
 - h. Election;

- i. Approval of Development and/or Annual Plan and Budget;
- j. Other related business matters
- k. Announcements; and
- 1. Adjournment
- **Section 8.** *Quorum for General Assembly Meeting.* During a Regular or Special General Assembly meeting, at least fifty percent (50%) plus one of the total numbers of the Regular Members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.
- **Section 9.** *Voting System.* Election or removal of Executive Officer and Committee members shall be by secret ballot. Action on all matters shall be in any manner that will truly and correctly reflect the will of the membership. No proxy voting shall be allowed.
- **Section 10.** *Veto.* Any decision made by the Executive Officers, Board of Directors or any Committee can be overruled by two-thirds (2/3) of the vote of all members in good standing attending the General Assembly meeting called for the purpose.

ARTICLE V – PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

- **Section 1.** *Governing Bodies.* The Governing Bodies shall be composed of all governing entities of the Association, including the following: the Executive Officers, Committee Heads, and the Board of Directors (BOD).
- **Section 2.** *The Executive Officers.* The Executive Officers shall administer the Governing Bodies and implement policies, activities, and programs to effectively carry-out the objectives of the Association and manage all the finances and properties of the Association.
 - 2.1 The Executive Officers shall be composed of the following: President, Vice President for Internal Affairs, Vice President for External Affairs, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, PRO, and Committee Heads.
- Section 3. *The Board of Directors.* There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of one representative from each Hungarian Higher Educational Institutions including a representative from the Hungarian Doctoral Students Association who shall likewise be elected or appointed by their colleagues from the same during the Regular General Assembly meeting.
- **Section 4.** The officers of the Association shall hold office for the period of one (1) year from the date of the oathtaking or until their successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, provided that they remain members of the association of good standing. Turnover of

responsibilities and oathtaking shall take place within a period of two (2) weeks.

Section 5. Vacancies in the Executive Officers, Board of Directors, representative from Hungarian Doctoral Students Association, except the position of the President, shall be filled up by the respective bodies by appointing any member(s) who shall hold office in an acting capacity for the unexpired term of office of the immediate predecessor.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES AND POWERS

- **Section 1.** *President.* The President shall be the head of the Executive Officers of the Association, whose duties and powers shall include the following:
 - a. Preside the overall meetings and deliberations of the Executive Officer and of the General Assembly.
 - b. Appoint members of the Association's committees with the concurrence of the majority of the members of the Executive Officers.
 - c. Approve vouchers covering the applications or expenditures of the Association funds before payment or disbursement is made by the treasurer.
 - d. Call special meetings of the Association or the Executive Officers whenever the President deems necessary.
 - e. Present to the General Assembly the financial, social and performance reports; and
 - f. Represent the Association on all occasions and all matters in which representation of the Association may be agreed upon or required.

Section 2.1. Vice President for Internal Affairs

- a. The Vice President for Internal Affairs shall perform the duties and responsibilities in the absence of the President, disability, death, or resignation if voted upon by the majority of the Executive Officers.
- b. The VP for Internal Affairs shall assist the President in all the Association's internal affairs.
- c. The VP for Internal Affairs shall perform other duties and functions that may be delegated by the president from time to time.
- d. The VP for Internal affairs shall directly supervise and coordinate with the committee heads.

2.2 Vice President for External Affairs

a. The Vice President for External Affairs shall be responsible for the coordination of the activities of the Association with other organizations and Institutions.

- b. The VP for External Affairs shall be responsible for the good relations of the Association with other organizations inside and outside Hungary.
- c. The VP for External Affairs shall perform other duties and functions that may be delegated by the president from time to time.
- **Section 3.** *Secretary.* The Secretary shall perform the following duties and functions:
 - a. Take down minutes of the meetings of the general membership and of the Executive Officers;
 - b. Keep a book of minutes of resolutions and a continuing registry of all Executive Officers;
 - c. Act as custodian of all records, documents, minutes of meeting of the Executive Officers and the general membership as well as printed and/or written policies, projects, and activities of the Association;
 - d. All types of records i.e., minutes of meeting, documents, printed or written policies, projects, activities shall be uploaded on the official cloud storage of the Association.
- **Section 4.** *Treasurer.* The Duties and functions of the Treasurer are as follows:
 - a. Collects, receives, and issues receipt for every money, funds, and contribution to the association.
 - b. Make sure that all the disbursement and payment made by the Treasurer are covered by vouchers and accompanied by necessary receipts.
 - c. Keep a record of all receipts and expenditures.
 - d. Prepares quarterly financial reports as maybe required of the Treasurer by the general membership, Executive Officers, and the Auditor.
 - e. Before vacating the position through resignation or removal from the position with finality for any cause, the Treasurer shall make a final report of all assets in the Treasurer's custody and submit it to the Executive Officer subject to audit and approval.
- **Section 5.** *Auditor.* The Auditor shall audit, verify, and examine all financial accounts of the Association. The Auditor shall supervise the entries in the Books of Account of the Association and shall render a report of the audit as may be required by the executive officer or by a resolution of majority of the General Assembly.
- **Section 6.** *Public Relations Officer.* The Public Relations Officer shall oversee matters involving public relations and information dissemination to the members of the Association in various platforms including but not limited to SMS, electronic mail, social

media, and print media. With the approval of the Executive Officers, the PR Officer may establish an official publication or social media platform of the Association. All types of records i.e., publication materials, posters, photos, videos shall be uploaded on the official cloud storage of the Association.

- Section 7. Composition of the Board of Directors (BOD). The Board of Directors shall be composed of members, each representing the respective Hungarian Institutions with Filipino student/s therein and the Ambassador of the Association of Hungarian PhD and DLA Candidates (Doktoranduszok Országos Szövetsége, DOSZ).
- **Section 8.** *Functions and Responsibilities.* The Board of Directors shall have the following functions and responsibilities:
 - a. Provide overall policy direction;
 - b. Review the annual plan and budget prepared by the Executive Officers and recommend for the approval of the General Assembly;
 - c. Review, monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the programs, projects, and activities;
 - d. Formulate and review the vision, mission, and goals of the Association;
 - e. Establish performance evaluation system at all levels;
 - f. Review and approve the organizational and operational structures;
 - g. Establish policies and procedures for the effective operation and ensure proper implementation of such;
 - h. Decide election-related cases involving the Election Committee and its members;
 - i. Present to the General Assembly policies which require confirmation as provided under the law, the Constitution and By-laws, and regulations;
 - j. In the event where any member of the executive committee cannot attend a specific event in a particular location, any BOD willing to attend shall attend on behalf of the Association provided that there is a written consent from the President.
 - k. Perform such other functions as may be authorized by the General Assembly.

Section 9. Qualifications.

- a. Any regular member who is in good standing can be elected or appointed as a member of the Board of Directors;
- b. Special Cases: if there are no non-graduating students in the Hungarian university, and there is a Filipino graduating student, he/she is qualified to assume the position.

- **Section 10.** *Election of Officers within the Board.* The Board of Directors shall convene within ten (10) days after the first meeting of the executive committee to elect by secret ballot from among themselves the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson.
- **Section 11.** *Meeting of the Board of Directors*. The Board of Directors shall have regular meetings, the schedule and venue of which duly determined on the Board's first official meeting. However, the Chairperson or majority of the Board of Directors may at any time call a special board meeting to consider urgent matters. The call shall be addressed and delivered through the Secretary stating the date, time and place of such meeting and the matters to be considered. Notice of special meetings of the Board of Directors, shall be served by the Secretary in writing or through electronic means to each director at least one (1) week before such meeting.
 - 11.1 Majority of the total number of Board of Directors constitutes a quorum to transact business. Any decision or action taken by the majority members of the Board of Directors in a meeting duly assembled shall be a valid Association act.

Section 12. Committees.

- 12.1 The creation of different committees will be the prerogative of the Executive Officers with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 12.2 The Committee Heads shall be responsible for the participation and involvement of members in the different activities organized by the Association.
 - a. They shall initiate activities reflected in the Association core values, aims, and objectives. The plans for the initiatives made shall be discussed and approved by the Executive Officers.
 - b. They have the right to employ the voluntary help of any member of the Association, with a notice to the Executive Officers, to accomplish such tasks;
- 12.3 Permanent Committees of the Association
 - a. Membership Committee;
 - b. Audit Committee;
 - c. Logistics Committee;
 - d. Publicity Committee;
 - e. Elections Committee
- 12.3 Application of Committee Members
 - a. A call for committee membership will be sent to all AFSHu members within 10 days after the transition meeting of the EXECOM.
 - b. The selection of the members of each committee will be under the discretion of the committee head.

 Each committee will be comprised of 3 to 5 individuals who are regular members.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTION AND TENURE

- **Section 1.** Regular Elections for the officers of the Association will be held within every month of October.
- **Section 2.** The incumbent Executive Officers shall appoint the Election Committee consisting of five (5) members who are not candidates for the upcoming election. The implementing rules of the election shall be presented two (2) weeks before the General Assembly election by the Election Committee in consultation with the executive committee and board of directors.
- **Section 3.** There shall be a nomination period of seven (7) days to one month before the scheduled general assembly. The call for nominations shall be announced through the official social media page of the Association. Nominees shall be notified one (1) day after the end of the nomination period, and shall be given another seven (7) days to accept or decline the nomination.
- **Section 4.** Candidates are also required to have at least one more academic year left in the program at a Hungarian academic institution.
- **Section 5.** The election shall be done through secret balloting with the use of available means and technologies. The candidate with the highest votes shall win in the election.

Section 6. Term

- 6.1 The duly elected officials of the Association shall serve for one (1) year after the transition meeting with the previous executive committee;
- 6.2 The transition meeting shall happen within 10 days after the general assembly.
- **Section 7.** All the elective and appointive officials shall be sworn to office.
- **Section 8.** In the event of resignation of an executive officer, death, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the Association shall then call for appointment.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Executive Officer shall be conducted every month either through face-to-face or virtual meetings. The President and the Secretary shall have the responsibility to organize and send notification at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

- **Section 2.** All matters or decisions during officers' meetings shall be officiated with a plurality of the votes of the present officers. The President, however, reserves the right to veto any decision not based on an absolute majority (50%+1) of all the Association officers and postpone the decision to the following meeting.
- **Section 3.** In cases when an officer is unavailable to attend the meeting, it is the responsibility of the officer to inform the President. The officer may assign a representative from the committee the said officer is heading to attend the meeting.
- **Section 4.** The committees created by the Executive officer shall have at least two (2) regular meetings every semester.
- Section 5. During the general assembly, 50%+1 of all regular members in good standing shall constitute a quorum. However, during emergency meetings, a decision agreed upon by a majority vote of members present shall already be considered valid. The President can vote in provisions when there is a tie.
- **Section 6.** Special meetings of the members may be held at any time upon the call of the President, or a simple majority of the Executive Officer or as provided in the by-laws.

ARTICLE IX - IMPEACHMENT

- **Section 1.** Any officer can be impeached on the grounds of dereliction of duties, malversation of funds, and culpable violation of this Constitution.
- **Section 2.** A petition to impeach any officer shall be filed by at least one-fourth (1/4) of all the Regular Members to the Board of Directors that indicate the grounds and evidence thereof.
- **Section 3.** A general membership meeting shall be immediately convened by the BOD to deliberate on the petition. The time, place, and manner of the meeting shall be determined by the BOD and be communicated to all members with a notice period of at least one (1) week.
- **Section 4.** The officer in question shall be afforded the right to defend themselves, and provide counter arguments and evidence during the impeachment process.
- **Section 5.** A vote of no confidence by three-fourths (3/4) of the total regular members in good standing shall determine impeachment of any officer.

- **Section 6.** The impeached officer is no longer eligible to hold office for the rest of his residency as a member.
- **Section 7.** The BOD shall have the power to create supplementary rules and regulations in the spirit of the provisions enshrined in this Constitution to allow an organized impeachment process.

ARTICLE X – FINANCES

- **Section 1.** No money shall be paid out of the Association funds without the written endorsement of the Treasurer and approval of the Executive Officers.
- **Section 2.** The funds of the Association shall come from the following:
 - 2.1 Membership fee collected from all current members.
 - 2.2 Membership fee collected once from new members.
 - 2.3 Fund-raising projects and activities.
 - 2.4 Donations from external sources and sponsorships, such as but not limited to the Philippine Embassy in Hungary and the Filipino community in Hungary.
- **Section 3.1** The BOD shall determine the amount of the membership fee upon the approval of the general assembly by two-thirds majority vote.
 - **3.2** The Membership Committee and the BOD shall provide a system to ensure that all members settle their monetary obligations.

ARTICLE XI – ENABLING PROVISION

Section 1. This Constitution shall take effect immediately upon its ratification by a majority vote cast in a plebiscite held for the purpose alone and shall supersede all previous Constitutions.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

- **Section 1.** *Amendment of Constitution and By-laws.* Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws may be adopted by at least two-thirds (2/3) votes of all regular members in good standing, present and constituting a quorum.
- **Section 2.** The amended provision or any part of the provision should be ratified by the general assembly with a 2/3 vote for it to take effect. Ratification shall take effect immediately after the discussion of the amendment. A duly ratified amendment shall take effect immediately after declaration of its status.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the 1st day of April, 2023 at the Hungarian University of Sports Science Budapest, Hungary, by affirmative votes of

all the members of the Association in a General Assembly called for such purpose.

ANNEX A

		ATTENDANCE SHEET			
	1st Gen	neral Assembly of Filipino Students	in Hungary		
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