STATUTE 17 – GUILD OF STUDENTS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

3. Powers
Subject to the Act, and the Statutes and By-laws of the University, the Guild shall have the power:

(a) to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and to sell, let, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of it;

(b) to borrow, raise or secure payment of any money for any of the objects of the Guild from time to time and in particular by mortgaging or charging the property of the Guild or any part thereof;

(c) to engage and dismiss employees;

(d) to expend and invest moneys;

(e) to operate bank accounts;

(f) to transact such financial business as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Guild;

(g) to affiliate with any university association or any other association of students;

(h) to co-ordinate the activities of Student Societies;

(i) to provide for representation of the Guild and its members in cultural, sporting and social activities;

(j) to make provision for the control and management of any buildings from time to time occupied by the Guild and for regulating the conduct of any person using such buildings or parts thereof;

(k) to hold licences under any legislation, including the Liquor Act 1970, for the time being in force;
(l) to impose fines or penalties, including suspension or withdrawal of privileges, upon members and on Student Societies for breach of the provisions of this Statute or of a Guild Regulation or a Guild Rule, but the limits of the fines or other penalties which may be imposed and all necessary procedures shall be prescribed by Guild Regulation;

(m) to charge subscription fees to members in the manner prescribed by Guild Regulation; [Proposed amendment deferred]

(m) to admit to associateship persons other than members in the manner prescribed by Guild Regulation;

(n) generally, to act in all other matters authorised by this Statute or which are necessary or convenient for giving effect to this Statute.

4. Membership

(1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and the following provisions of this section, all students shall be eligible to be members of the Guild. Guild Regulations may make provision for associate membership for non-students.

(2) Every student is automatically a member of the Guild unless he or she elects, at the time of enrolment, not to be a member, or subsequently resigns.

(3) The University must not act in a way that may dissuade or discourage a student, or person seeking enrolment as a student, from being or becoming a member of the Guild.

(4) A person shall cease to be a member of the Guild when he or she ceases to be a student or resigns as a member, or does not fulfil the terms and conditions of membership prescribed in Guild Regulation[Proposed amendment deferred].

(5) Except as provided in this Statute the terms and conditions of membership of the Guild shall be prescribed by Guild Regulation.

(6) Students who are not members of the Guild are not eligible to vote in Guild elections or to hold an elective office of the Guild.

7. Guild Secretariat

(1) The Guild shall be administered by a Secretariat comprising-

(a) the President of the Guild;

(b) the Education Vice President of the Guild;

(b) eight not more than ten members (in this section referred to as the 'Guild Members of the Secretariat') as prescribed in the Guild Regulations; and
(ed) not more than ten representative members as described in subsection (4) of this section (in this section referred to as the 'Representative Members') no person shall hold office as the President of the Guild, Education Vice President of the Guild or as a member of the Secretariat unless that person is a member.

(2) The President of the Guild and the Guild Members of the Secretariat shall be elected annually and, subject to this section, in the manner prescribed by Guild Regulation. The Guild may, by Guild Regulation, provide for the filling of any casual vacancy on the Secretariat provided that if any ballot is conducted to fill such a vacancy it shall be held in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.

(3) Any member may vote at any election for the office of the President of the Guild, the Education Vice President of the Guild or the office of a Guild Member of the Secretariat. Elections shall be conducted in accordance with Guild Election Regulations.

(4) The Guild may by Guild Regulation provide for the nomination of not more than ten persons as representative members who shall be elected officers or representatives of subsidiary councils of the Guild or of Student Societies.

(5) The Guild may by Guild Regulation increase the maximum number of members of the Secretariat except that the number of Guild Members of the Secretariat (excluding the President of the Guild and the Education Vice President of the Guild) shall be at least equal to the number of representative members.

(6) The Secretariat shall appoint one of their number to be the Honorary Secretary of the Guild and another of their number to be the Honorary Treasurer of the Guild.

(7) The Secretariat shall cause accurate minutes to be made of all General Meetings and forums of the Guild and meetings of the Secretariat, and the result of every election and Referendum. All duly confirmed minutes shall be deemed correct until the contrary is proved.

(8) The procedures for meetings of the Secretariat shall be prescribed by Guild Regulation.

(9) The powers and obligations of the President of the Guild, the Education Vice President of the Guild, Guild Members of the Secretariat and the Representative Members shall be prescribed by Guild Regulation.

(10) Subject to this Statute and regulations made hereunder the Secretariat shall have the entire control and management of the affairs and concerns of the Guild and shall act in all matters concerning the Guild in such a manner as appears to it to be best calculated to promote interests of its members.
(11) Resolutions passed at any General Meeting other than any resolutions to make, alter or repeal a regulation or regulations shall be in the form of a direction to the Secretariat. The Secretariat shall act in accordance with any direction of a General Meeting except that where, at its next meeting, the Secretariat resolves by Absolute Majority that a particular direction is not best calculated to promote the interests of the members, the direction involved shall be referred to a further General Meeting or at the discretion of the Secretariat, to a Referendum, to be held not later than 21 teaching days after such meeting of the Secretariat, and if the direction is approved at such General Meeting or Referendum then the Secretariat shall act in accordance with it.

(12) The Secretariat may in the manner prescribed by Guild Regulations make, alter or repeal rules governing activities associated with the Guild but only when the power to do so is specified in Guild Regulations and then only to the extent specified.