

## **An Act Respecting the St. F.X. University Students' Union**

Be it enacted by Governor and Assembly as follows:

- 1 This Act may be cited as the ***St. F.X. University Students' Union***.
- 2 In this Act,
  - (a) "by-laws" mean the by-laws of the Union;
  - (b) "constitution" means the constitution established by the Union pursuant to the former Act;
  - (c) "Council" means the Council of Students;
  - (d) "former Act" means Chapter 128 of the Acts of 1965, ***An Act to Incorporate St. F. X. University Students' Union***;
  - (e) "former Council" means a Council elected or appointed under the former Act;
  - (f) "former officer" means an officer of the Union who held office under the former Act;
  - (g) "member" means a member of the Union;
  - (h) "Union" means the St. F. X. University Students' Union, an incorporated body continued under this Act.
3. The St. F.X. University Students' Union constituted under the former Act is hereby continued as a body corporate which, subject to this Act, has the capacity and all the powers of a natural person.
4. All actions by the former officers and former Council of the Union are hereby ratified and confirmed.
5. The objects of the Union are to
  - (a) act as the official organization of the students of St. F. X. University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia;
  - (b) promote artistic, literary, educational, social, spiritual, recreational, charitable, and sporting activities for the advancement of the interests of its members and others;

- (c) coordinate, promote, and direct the activities of the students of St. F. X. University, subject to the rules and regulations of the University;
  - (d) encourage communication between the student body, faculty, administration, and alumni of the University to promote the common benefit of each; and
  - (e) promote the inclusion, empowerment, and enfranchisement of the students of St. F. X. University who are members of underrepresented groups.
6. Subject to the by-laws membership in the Union
- (a) consists of the registered students at St. F. X. University;
  - (b) ceases when a member ceases to be a registered student at the University; and
  - (c) may include honorary members.
7. (1) The Council of Students is continued.
- (2) The Council shall be elected or appointed from the members in accordance with the by-laws.
8. The general administration of the affairs of the Union and the exclusive power to propose amendments to this Act, or to amend the Constitution or enact bylaws shall be vested in the Council which shall govern in accordance with this Act, the Constitution and By-laws.
9. The Council may make by-laws not inconsistent with this Act or any other law of the Province respecting:
- (a) membership in the Union;
  - (b) appointment or election of the officers of the Union with the appointment or election of members of the Council;
  - (c) removal of an officer of the Union and removal of a member of Council;
  - (d) convening and holding meetings of the Union and of the Council;
  - (e) the government and discipline of members involved in activities of the Union;

- (f) the imposition of fines and other penalties and sanctions on its members;
  - (g) the appointment of employees of the Union including the power to delegate this authority;
  - (h) the fixing and collecting of annual or other fees; and
  - (i) the conduct, control and management of the affairs of the Union and generally for any purpose incidental to the carrying out of its objects and the exercise of its powers.
10. Subject to the by-laws, the Council may
- (a) appoint committees;
  - (b) delegate to a committee such duties and powers as are considered necessary or desirable; and
  - (c) make rules and regulations relating to the performance of a committee's duties and the exercise of its powers.
11. (1) Notice that Council is proposing an amendment to Article 1 or 2 or 3 of the constitution must be given to the members in the form set out in the by-laws.
- (2) An amendment proposed under subsection (1) must be passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the next regular meeting after notice has been given.
12. (1) Notice that the Council is proposing an amendment to this Act must be given to the members in the form set out in the by-laws.
- (2) An amendment proposed under subsection (1) must be passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the next regular meeting after notice has been given.
- (3) Where a proposed amendment has been passed pursuant to subsection (2), the Council must present it to the local member of the Legislative Assembly with a request that it be introduced as an amending bill at the next sitting of the House of Assembly.
13. No member or officer of the Union is personally liable for the debts or liabilities of the Union unless the member or officer has made themselves personally liable.

14. The constitution and by-laws of the Union in effect under the former Act remain in effect until such time as amended pursuant to this Act.

15. The former Act is repealed.