

STATUTES of Homecouncil Mundo, (*abbreviated Home Mundo*)

Article 1. The association

The association Homecouncil Mundo, (*abbreviated Home Mundo*) is established for an indefinite period. It may be dissolved at any time.

Article 2. Selfless purpose and object

Article 2, section 1: Selfless purpose of the association

The association aims to connect all international students residing in the Halls Of Residence of Ghent University.

Article 2, section 2: Object: activities of the association

Concrete activities to achieve the association's purpose include informal activities based in the mutual areas of the Halls of Residence, organizing informative moments about the living units, the city or the culture, and making group trips to locations in Ghent that have a cultural added value.

Article 2, section 3: Values of the association

The association acts in accordance with the principles and codes of conduct set out in art. 3 of the Ghent University Regulations concerning Student Associations as approved by the Executive Board on 25 November 2022 (hereinafter: Ghent University Regulations concerning student associations).

Article 3. Membership

Article 3, section 1: Permanent members

There are at least five permanent members.

In addition, any natural or legal person may apply for permanent membership provided that they are part of the praesidium. This person directs their application to the General Meeting.

The General Meeting decides on the acceptance of the candidate at the next meeting. At least 2/3 members of the General Meeting must be present at this meeting. The decision is taken by the number of votes of the majority of the members present at the General Meeting.

The General Meeting may decide discretionarily and without further justification that a candidate will not be accepted as a permanent member.

Article 3, section 2: Affiliated members

The affiliated members are the residents in the University Halls, who are not part of the Board. They join to enjoy the activities of the association.

Article 3, section 3: the Board

The Association shall be governed by its Board ("Home Council").

Article 3, section 4: Resignation of members

Permanent members may resign as members at any time by sending a written notification (by email or letter) to the Board. The resignation takes effect immediately upon receipt of the resignation.

Affiliated members may resign as members at any time by sending an oral or written notification (by email or letter) to the Board. The resignation takes effect immediately upon receipt of the resignation.

Article 3, section 5: Dismissal

A permanent member may be dismissed at any time at the request of 1/5 of the permanent members by a special decision of the General Meeting. At least 2/3 of all Permanent members are present or represented in this decision, and this requires a 2/3 majority of the votes of those present or represented. Abstentions shall not be included in the calculation of the majority quorum.

The permanent member whose termination of membership is proposed shall be informed in writing of the intention and motives for dismissal. The member has the right to be heard at the General Meeting.

Affiliated members who act in violation of the purposes of the association may be dismissed by a unilateral decision of the General Meeting.

Article 4. The General Meeting

Article 4, section 1: Organization and Composition

The General Meeting consists of permanent members. Affiliated members are not part of the General Meeting.

All permanent members have the right to vote. Each permanent member has one vote.

The General Meeting is chaired by the president of the Board of the association. If they are prevented from attending or are absent, the meeting shall be chaired by the vice president of the Board, or in their absence, by a person to be appointed by the General Meeting.

Article 4, section 2: Observers

Observers may, subject to permission, attend and address the General Meeting.

Article 4, section 3: Authorities

The following authorities may be exercised exclusively by the General Meeting:

- The amendment of the statutes;
- The appointment and dismissal of the board members and, where appropriate, the determination of their remuneration;
- The dismissal of members;
- The dissolution of the association;
- The drafting and amending of the internal regulations;
- Deciding on a statement towards decisions made by the Housing Office

Article 4, section 4: Convocations

The Board convenes the General Meeting in the cases provided for in the statutes or upon the request of at least 1/5 of the permanent members.

The General Meeting must be convened at least twice a year.

The convocation will be sent by email to all permanent members and Board members at least 15 days before the date of the General Meeting.

The General Meeting is convened by the Board. The convocation, which states the date, time and place of the meeting, contains the agenda, which is determined by the Board. Any item raised by a permanent member must also be added to the agenda. This subject must be sent to the Board by email at least 2 days before the General Meeting will be held.

The Board may allow members to participate remotely in the deliberations of the General Meeting, via an electronic means of communication. If the Board provides for this option, the procedures for remote participation shall be described at the time of the meeting.

Article 4, section 5: Quorum and voting

The General Meeting may deliberate validly regardless of the number of members present or represented unless the statutes dictate otherwise.

Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of the members present or represented. In the event of a tie, the proposal shall be deemed to have been rejected. Abstentions are not included.

The amendment of the statutes requires deliberation in an extraordinary General Meeting that meets the quorum of 2/3 of the permanent members. In the event that less than 2/3 of the permanent members are present or represented at the first meeting, a second meeting may be convened which may legally decide regardless of the number of members present. The second meeting may not be held within 15 days following the first meeting. The amendment of the statutes is adopted if it is approved by 2/3 of the votes of the members present or represented. If the amendment of the statutes relates to the selfless purpose or object of the association, a 4/5 majority of the votes of the members present or represented is required. Abstentions are not included.

A permanent member who cannot be present at the General Meeting may be represented by another permanent member. Each member can hold a maximum of one proxy.

Voting shall be by calling, by raising of a hand or, if requested by a permanent member present, by secret ballot. When voting on persons, voting will always be secret.

Minutes are drawn up and signed by a member of the General Meeting.

Article 4, section 6: Report

The decisions of the General Meeting are reported. Every permanent member has the right to view the minutes. In addition, the permanent members are informed of the decisions of the General Meeting by distributing a copy of the original reports of the General Meetings by email.

Article 4, section 7: disputes

Unresolvable disputes are handled by the Home Konvent General Assembly.

Article 5. Board and representation

Article 5, section 1: Composition

The Board of the association consists of a minimum of five members: one president, one vice-president, one treasurer, one webmaster and one environmental officer.

Only Ghent University students who are enrolled for at least 27 credits in the academic year in which the term of office as a board member is taken up (with the exception of the master's graduation year and the master-after-master's graduation year) can be appointed as board members.

The Board is chaired by the president, or in their absence, by the vice president, or in their absence by another board member.

The board members are appointed by the General Meeting by a simple majority of the validly cast votes of the members present or represented. In order to deliberate, at least 2/3 of the permanent members of the General Meeting must be present.

The duration of the term of office of a board member is determined to be one year.

Board members are infinite times eligible for reappointment.

In the event that a board member's place becomes vacant before the end of the term of office, the Board has the right to co-opt a new board member.

Article 5, section 2: Dismissal

A board member may be dismissed at any time at the request of 1/5 of the permanent members by a decision of the General Meeting. Decisions are taken by a simple majority.

The board members whose termination of membership is proposed shall be informed in writing of the intention and motives for dismissal. The board member has the right to be heard at the General Meeting.

In principle, the board members execute their term of office without remuneration. The costs incurred by them in the execution of their term of office as a board member are reimbursed.

Article 5, section 3: Meetings, deliberations and decisions

The Board meets on convocation by the chair, as often as the interest of the association so requires or at the request of a board member, addressed to the chair.

The convocation is made by e-mail or digital message, a minimum of 3 days before the Board meeting will be held. The convocation shall contain the date, time and place of the Board meeting, as well as the agenda. The agenda is drawn up by the chair.

Board members may be represented by another board member.

The Board may deliberate and take decisions only if at least the majority of the board members are present or represented at the meeting. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of the board members present and represented. In the event of a tie, the vote of the chair or their proxy shall be decisive.

Minutes are drawn up and signed by the chair and the board members upon their request.

Article 5, section 4: Authority - decisions

The Board is authorized to take all actions and decisions that are necessary or appropriate to achieve the object and selfless purpose of the association, with the exception of those decisions for which the General Meeting has exclusive authority.

Article 6. Internal regulations

The General Meeting has the authority to draw up internal regulations.

Article 7. Annual report and accounting

Article 7, section 1: Annual report

The Chair of the Board provides the annual report, as referred to in art. 51 of the Ghent University Regulations concerning the Student Associations to the student administrator of Ghent University, before 5 March.

Article 7, section 2: Accounting

The accounts are kept per calendar year.

Article 8. Dissolution

The General Meeting will be convened to discuss proposals regarding the dissolution submitted by the Board or by a minimum of 1/5 of the permanent members.

This General Meeting can only deliberate legally when 2/3 of the permanent members are present or represented. In the event that less than 2/3 of the permanent members are present or represented at the first meeting, a second meeting may be convened which may legally decide regardless of the number of permanent members present. The second meeting may not be held within 15 days following the first meeting. The decision shall be deemed to have been accepted if it is approved by 4/5 of the votes of the permanent members present or represented. Abstentions are not included.