
*Council for the Church of England Residential Halls for
University Students Constitution Ordinance 1959.*

No. 28, 1959

AN ORDINANCE to appoint and to regulate the constitution of a Council to manage and control certain buildings used as residential halls for University students and to provide for the management of its affairs and for other matters in connection with the order and discipline thereof.

WHEREAS on December 21st 1954 the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney set up a sub-committee "on the need for the establishment of further college or hostel accomodation for university students". AND WHEREAS the said sub-committee has acquired the tenancy of parts of numbers 281 and 295 Parramatta Road Glebe from the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney (hereinafter referred to as the Trust) and has established a men's hostel and a wömen's hostel in these two premises respectively conducting them under the name of the Committee for the Church of England Residential Halls for University Students AND WHEREAS it is expedient that a Council be appointed to carry on the management control and user of the said buildings and such other buildings as may pass under its control AND WHEREAS it is also expedient to regulate the constitution of the said Council to provide for the management of its affairs.

Now the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney ordains and rules as follows:—

1. The name of the Council shall be "The Council for the Church of England Residential Halls for University Students" (hereinafter referred to as the Council).

2. The object of the Council shall be to extend the Kingdom of Christ among university students especially by conducting managing and controlling halls of residence in which there shall be regular services of worship including exposition of the Scriptures and preaching as well as prayers.

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3. The members of the Council shall be (i) the Archbishop of Sydney for the time being ex officio (ii) eight persons appointed by the Synod of whom all shall be graduates of the University of Sydney or of any other university recognised by it and not less than two and not more than four shall be in holy orders (iii) up to two persons appointed by the Archbishop of Sydney for the time being on the nomination of the Council (iv) up to two persons appointed by the Council.

4. The Archbishop of Sydney for the time being shall be the President of the Council.

5. A Chairman may be appointed by the Council from amongst its members who shall in the absence of the President preside at all meetings of the Council and in the absence of the President and Chairman the members present shall from amongst their number elect a Chairman of the day.

6. At meetings of the Council five members shall form a quorum. In case of an equality of votes the chairman of the day shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

7. The first members of the Council under Clause 3 Sub-clause (ii) hereof shall be:

The Right Rev. M. L. Loane	Dr. G. C. Fletcher
The Rev. Dr. D. B. Knox	Mr. J. G. Hawke
Mrs. A. C. Lyons	Mr. E. A. Judge
Miss H. N. Turner	Dr. R. R. Winton

8. The provisions of the Casual Vacancies Ordinance 1935 shall apply to this ordinance as if the same were referred to in the Schedule of such ordinance.

9. At each ordinary session of Synod two of the members of the Council appointed by Synod shall retire from office but shall be eligible for re-appointment. Such members shall retire in rotation according to the length of time of office. Provided that where members have held office for an equal length of time the members to retire may be determined by ballot taken amongst the members of the Council. Any members appointed by the Archbishop of Sydney or by the Council shall retire from office after four years but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

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10 The Council shall so long as it thinks fit conduct a men's hall of residence in premises leased from the Trust at number 281 Parramatta Road Glebe and a women's hall of residence in premises leased from the Trust at number 295 Parramatta Road Glebe. It may also conduct any other halls of residence that it may found or acquire and the said Council may make such arrangements financial or otherwise for the benefit development extension and improvement of the said halls of residence and of the assets thereto belonging as it may from time to time think fit. The Council shall determine applications for admission to the halls of residence but shall be satisfied that all applicants for such admission are enrolled or about to enrol as university students. The Council shall also determine all matters in connection with the order and discipline of the said halls of residence in the manner which to it may appear expedient and in accordance with its powers herein contained for the benefit and good government thereof. The Council shall appoint a warden for any hall of residence under its control and any other staff necessary and shall have the power to dismiss such warden or staff. All moneys derived from the assets and conduct of the said halls of residence after payment of all liabilities shall be applied as may seem expedient to the Council in furthering the objects of the Council.

11. The assets from time to time thereto belonging shall be held as Church trust property upon trust for the purposes of the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney by the Archbishop of Sydney or by such other person or persons as Synod may from time to time determine.

12 The members of the Council shall be indemnified out of the assets of the said halls of residence against all loss or liability which they or any of them may have properly incurred for and on behalf of the said halls of residence and to which they or any of them may be subject by reason of his or her being or having been a member of the said Council.

13 Subject to the provisions hereof the Council may regulate its own proceedings and for that purpose shall have power to make rescind or alter regulations from time to time and may appoint committees either from its own members or otherwise which shall be answerable to the Council and may appoint and/or employ such officers as it may deem necessary.

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14. The Council may in the exercise of the powers or the performance of any of the duties hereinbefore mentioned by resolution authorise any person or persons to do any act or sign or execute any document on its behalf.

15. The Council shall at least once in every year and also whenever a resolution shall be passed and communicated to them by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in that behalf report its proceedings and the progress and condition of the halls of residence to the Synod and at the same time present a statement of income and expenditure and a balance sheet duly audited by at least one of the Synod Auditors showing the financial position of the halls of residence.

16. Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall be deemed to create any trust express or implied in favour of the said Council in the said premises or any improvements effected thereto by the Council.

17. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Council for the Church of England Residential Halls for University Students Constitution Ordinance 1959".

I certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.

W. G. HILLIARD, Bishop
Chairman of Committees.

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on the 9th day of December, 1959.

W. L. J. HUTCHISON,
Secretary.

I assent to this Ordinance.

HUGH SYDNEY,
Archbishop of Sydney.

9/12/1959.