

University Women of Europe

Groupe Européen des Femmes

UWE

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GEFDU

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**Proposed Amendments
to the UWE Constitution**

General Remarks:

“General Meeting” replaces “Assembly”

“Board” replaces “Executive”

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	<p><i>I think the Articles should begin with a first article which defines terms. Otherwise these Articles are unclear in many places—something which constitutions should not be.</i></p> <p><u>Article 1</u> <u>PREAMBLE</u></p> <p>1.1 For the purposes of these Articles, Europe and European describes groups from nations which are represented at the Council of Europe and/or the European Commission and/or have some land territory within the geographical area west of longitude 35°E, east of longitude 20°W and north of latitude 35°N.</p> <p><i>(The geographical description allows membership to Iceland, Russia, Ukraine, even Greenland as it overlaps a bit, and, of course, Turkey and N-Cyprus, but excludes Lebanon and Turkey and I think all North Africa. Malta could get in on the basis of EC membership.)</i></p> <p>1.2 For the purposes of these Articles, the term ‘National Ffederations and Associations’, <u>hereinafter NFAs</u>, shall imply the members of a group recognised by IFUW as a National Ffederation or association whether or not this group represents a whole nation or only part of a nation.</p> <p>1.3 Again for the purposes of these Articles the term member shall imply an individual member of a national federation or association</p>	<p>Chapter 1. Name, seat, purpose, language</p>

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	<p>unless described as an independent member in which case the individual must meet the requirements outlined in Article 6</p> <p><i>If all this section were accepted, numbering of the Articles would have to change and we should have to go through the Articles etc to make sure the term member was used fittingly. I have not done this rigorously so far.</i></p> <p>CHAPTER I NAME, PURPOSE, <u>SEAT</u></p>	
	<p><u>Article 1</u></p> <p>The name of the organisation shall be University Women of Europe/Groupe Européen des Femmes Diplômées des Universités, hereinafter referred to as UWE (or GEFDU in French), a non-profit making, international organisation, created in 1981. The association currently has participative NGO status with the Council of Europe.</p>	<p><u>Article 1</u></p> <p>The University Women of Europe/ Groupe Européen des Femmes Diplômées des Universités (UWE/GEFDU) was formed according to Swiss law as a non-profitmaking, international organisation</p>
	<p><u>Article 2 (was Article 3)</u></p> <p>The purpose of UWE/GEFDU shall be</p> <p>a. to promote action consistent with the purpose of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) by encouraging cooperation between its European members at various levels and to enable them to collaborate with European International Organisations as well as to promote in Europe the programme of IFUW</p> <p>b. to participate in the progressive development of European Civil Society, by working to achieve the programmes of the Council of Europe and the European Women's Lobby and other European governmental and non-governmental organisations as is deemed appropriate by the aims and programmes of UWE .</p> <p><i>(We cannot say we shall work to achieve the programmes of all other gov. and NGO organisations — it is ridiculous).</i></p> <p>c. To promote lifelong education especially for women and girls;</p> <p><i>I would delete all the remaining bits of this Article since it is up to us to think of novel ways of implementing our aims and these seem</i></p>	<p><u>Article 2</u></p> <p>The constitutional seat shall be in Switzerland. The Assembly has the power to determine the locality of the seat and to decide to transfer it. The headquarters shall be at the place of residence of the President.</p>

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	<p>unnecessary words for a constitution and rather dictatorial.</p> <p>To achieve these aims, UWE/GEFDU shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide an interdisciplinary approach to issues; • enable graduate women to use their expertise to effect change at all levels; • represent and advocate the views of graduate women in international fora; • promote cooperation, networking, support and understanding among graduate women 	
	<p><u>Article 3 (was Article 2)</u></p> <p>1. The seat of UWE/GEFDU shall be that of IFUW, currently in Geneva, Switzerland.</p> <p>2. Should the seat of IFUW be moved outside Europe, the seat of UWE/GEFDU and the place of that seat of UWE/GEFDU shall be determined by the General Meeting</p> <p>3. The place of the seat within a country shall be determined by the General Meeting.</p> <p>3. The Head Office shall be the residence of the President.</p>	<p><u>Article 3</u></p> <p>The purpose of UWE/GEFDU shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. to promote action consistent with the aims of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) by cooperation with its European affiliates at various levels and to enable them to collaborate with European International Organisations as well as to promote in Europe the programme of IFUW. b. To participate in the progressive development of European society, by working to achieve the programmes of the Council of Europe and all other European governmental and non-governmental organisations dealing with European problems, particularly those affecting women.
	<p><u>Article 4</u></p> <p>Moves to the new document Internal Policies & Regulations.</p>	<p><u>Article 4</u></p> <p>The official languages shall be English and French.</p>

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	<p>CHAPTER II MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p>Chapter II. Membership</p>
	<p><u>Article 4. Legal entities as members (was Article 5)</u></p> <p>1. Any European Federation or Association affiliated to IFUW being incorporated under its national law shall be admitted as a member of UWE/GEFDU upon application.</p> <p>2. Any European federation or association affiliated to IFUW and not being incorporated under its national law but in the process of becoming so can appoint an individual from among its members to be admitted as an observer of UWE/GEFDU upon application. This observer does not have the right to vote.</p> <p><i>If a group is admitted to IFUW and fulfils the description of European in my Article 1, it should be able to join regardless of incorporation etc etc which to me is a meaningless term in this context. We cannot start distinguishing between types of NFAs within IFUW and NFAs belonging to UWE must be members of IFUW — or else we get back into the problems we had in the early days with teachers' groups.</i></p>	<p><u>Article 5</u></p> <p>Any European affiliate of the IFUW, being incorporated under its national law, shall be admitted as a member of UWE/GEFDU upon application. Any European affiliate of IFUW not being incorporated shall appoint an individual from among its members to be admitted as a member of UWE/GEFDU upon application.</p>
	<p><u>Article 5. Loss of membership (was Article 6)</u></p> <p>Membership as a legal entity is lost:</p> <p>1. if the Nnational Federation or Aassociation ceases to meet the requirements for membership of IFUW;</p> <p>2. by withdrawal;</p> <p>3. if the NFA national federation or association is dissolved for any reason</p> <p>4. if the NFA has allowed arrears in payment of annual dues to accumulate over a period of three years, except in cases of circumstances beyond control</p> <p>5. by confirmation by the General Meeting of a decision made by the Board to exclude a member. The conditions and procedure for such exclusion shall be set out in the By laws.</p> <p><i>I am not very happy with 'by confirmation..... of a</i></p>	<p><u>Article 6</u></p> <p>Membership is lost</p> <p>- if the national federation or association is no longer affiliated to IFUW;</p> <p>- by withdrawal</p> <p>- if the national federation or association is dissolved;</p> <p>- by death if the member is an individual</p> <p>- by exclusion by the Assembly. The conditions and the procedure for such exclusion shall be set out in the By-laws.</p>

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	<p><i>decision made by the Board to exclude a member'. The General meeting should have the final say but should be able to do more than just confirm a decision made by the Board. I would suggest something like:</i></p> <p>5. if a resolution to terminate membership of the NFA is submitted by and supported by at least two member NFAs or the Board of UWE/GEFDU, is approved by at least two thirds of those eligible to vote and voting.</p>	
	<p>New Article</p> <p><u>Article 6 Individual Members</u></p> <p>1. An individual member must conform to the criteria of IFUW with regard to university qualification in order to become a member of UWE/GEFDU</p> <p><i>If we state they are IFUW members that is enough. We do not need to have a lot of stuff about eligibility of IFUW. (see comments at the end of this section)</i></p> <p>2. Persons, Women can become an individual member members of UWE/GEFDU if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Women Graduate women, being full members of national federations and associations who meet the eligibility criteria in article III of the Constitution of IFUW who are members of IFUW NFAs <p>national federations or associations which are not already national federation or association NFA members of UWE _ or women who are independent members of IFUW and in both cases are resident in countries defined by at least one of the criteria described in Article 1.1 (My introduced number 1.1); the preamble.</p> <p><i>I am not clear whether individual members can include those from outside Europe. If they can be from anywhere, we need to make this clear and change the last phrase of the above paragraph. If they must be from Europe we need to state something like the above</i></p> <p><i>If written as above, the next paragraph becomes unnecessary. Also do we really need to talk about meeting the eligibility criteria of IFUW. If we describe them as members of IFUW that is implied. I do not think we are planning to have members of UWE who are not IFUW members—that would take us back to the Not so Good Old Days.....</i></p>	

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	<p>— b. other graduate women who meet the eligibility criteria in article III of the Constitution of IFUW and are admitted by the IFUW Board of Officers as independent members</p> <p><u>2.3.</u> Individual membership shall be lost:</p> <p>a. if the individual is no longer a member of a national federation or association of IFUW or</p> <p>b. a. if the individual member no longer meets either of the eligibility criteria as mentioned in <u>1.2.</u></p> <p>b. e. by withdrawal</p> <p>c. d. by non-payment of dues for one year</p> <p>d. e. by death</p> <p>f. ??????????????????by confirming by the General Meeting of a decision made by the Board to exclude a member subject to the condition and procedure set out in the By laws.</p> <p><i>As above I dislike this 'confirming a decision already made by the Board. It seems, particularly with individual members, to encourage a situation where someone is expelled because of personal prejudices. Yes, the GA can vote on the matter but I think it should be made more difficult to allow it to happen—eg a two thirds approval—and the suggestion that someone should have their membership terminated should be able to come from the NFAs as well.</i></p> <p><i>Frankly I am against people being thrown out for no specific explanation....perhaps that is in the ByLaws. Would it not be better to say:</i></p> <p><u>e. if a resolution to exclude the member, on the grounds of actions contrary to UWE's aims, is put</u> Individual membership shall be lost....</p> <p><u>f. for conduct (? Not sure about this word) felt inappropriate to the aims and purposes of UWE as described in By Law XX and deemed to be so by a resolution dealing with the termination submitted</u></p> <p>to the GM by either the Board or at least two NFAs and approved by a two thirds majority of those eligible to vote and voting.</p>	
	<p>CHAPTER III. THE GENERAL MEETING</p>	<p>Chapter III. The Assembly</p>

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	<p><u>Article 7</u></p> <p>1. Delegates of NFAs <i>(should we go for defining this abbreviation and using it ?)</i>, defined in Article 4, constitute the General Meeting.</p> <p>2. Delegates of a member NFA as defined in Article 4 have the right to vote at the meetings of the General Meeting provided they have paid their membership dues in full.</p> <p>3. The voting strength of the NFAs national federations and associations defined in article 4 is specified in the Internal Policy & Regulations.</p> <p>4. A participating NFA national Federation/Association nominates voting delegates as its representative(s) at the Annual General Meeting .</p> <p>5. National affiliates are entitled to nominate alternates to the voting delegates for the annual General Meeting</p> <p>6. The Board of UWE/GEFDU shall draw up a list of voting members.</p>	<p><u>Article 7</u></p> <p>1. The members defined in Article 5 constitute the Assembly and have the right to vote at the meetings of the Assembly. Each member shall be allowed one vote.</p> <p>2. The participating federations/associations shall appoint one of their members as their representative in the Assembly and shall give this member authority in writing.</p>
	<p><u>Article 8</u></p> <p>1 The General Meeting shall have the power to take all decisions necessary for activities of UWE/GEFDU.</p> <p>2. The General Meeting shall mandate the Board to implement the decisions taken at the General Meeting</p>	<p><u>Article 8</u></p> <p>The Assembly shall have power to take all decisions necessary for the activities of UWE/GEFDU</p>

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	<p><u>Article 9</u> 1 The General Meeting shall meet at least once per calendar year.</p> <p>2.The President shall summon the General Meeting.</p> <p>3. On request, sent to the sent by registered post, of at least one fifth of the members, the PresideAn Extraordinary General Meeting of UWE/GEFDU shall be summoned by the President following a majority vote in support of this by the Board or by at least one fifth of the fully paid up NFAs on request to the President sent id by registered post. ty 4a nmt, or the members of the Board, following a vote where the President has refused, shall summon an extraordinary meeting of the General Meeting. The President and Board shall not be entitled to refuse to call an Extraordinary Meeting if the terms indicated for a request by NFAs described above are met.</p> <p><i>I find the suggestion that the President might refuse a constitutionally appropriate request for an Extraordinary meeting unacceptable. I do not think we should pretend that it is possible. (I think General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting should probably be dealt with in separate article)s.</i></p>	<p><u>Article 9</u> The Assembly shall meet at least once per calendar year.</p> <p>The President shall summon the Assembly.</p> <p>On the request, by registered post, of at least one -third of the members, the President shall summon the Assembly for an extraordinary meeting.</p>
	<p><u>Article 10 The Quorum</u></p> <p>1. The quorum required at a meeting of the General Meeting shall be representation by delegates from half plus one of the fully paid up NFAs.</p> <p>2. Whenever the quorum is not reached, decisions shall be deferred. For deferred decisions, a quorum is unnecessary for them to be debated and put to the vote at the next General Meeting.</p>	<p><u>Article 10</u> The quorum required at a meeting of the Assembly shall be half plus one of the members.</p> <p>Whenever the quorum is not reached, decisions shall be deferred. For these deferred decisions no quorum is required in the next meeting of the Assembly.</p>

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	<p><u>Article 11 Voting</u></p> <p><u>1. Only the delegates of NFAs which are fully paid up members of UWE shall be entitled to vote.</u></p> <p><u>2.1. Except where otherwise provided in the Constitution or By-laws decisions of the General Meeting shall be taken by a simple majority of the delegates entitled to vote and voting. Abstentions shall be counted as a “No” vote.</u></p> <p><u>3.2. If there is a tied vote the proposal shall be deemed to be rejected.</u></p> <p><u>4.3. Voting involving the election of individuals shall be by secret ballot.</u></p> <p><u>5.4. Except where otherwise provided in the Constitution or By-laws postal voting is not allowed.</u></p> <p><u>6.5. Except where otherwise provided in the Constitution or By-laws a proxy vote is allowed for those fully paid up NFAs which are unable to be represented at the General Meeting.</u></p> <p><i>Do we need to make a comment about what constitutes voting? ie are Abstentions counted as votes?</i></p>	<p><u>Article 11</u></p> <p>1. Except where otherwise provided in the Constitution or By-laws, decisions of the Assembly shall be taken by a simple majority of the delegates entitled to vote and voting.</p> <p>2. If there is a tied vote the proposal shall be deemed to be rejected.</p> <p>3. Voting involving the election of individuals shall be by secret ballot.</p> <p>4. Except where otherwise provided in the Constitution or By-laws postal voting is not allowed.</p>
	<p><u>Article 12</u></p> <p>1. Except where otherwise provided in the Constitution or By-laws, no decisions can be taken on items not included in the agenda of the meeting unless, in cases of emergency; such items are added at the meeting with the consent of a two-thirds majority of members entitled to vote.</p>	<p><u>Article 12</u></p> <p>Except where otherwise provided in the Constitution or By-laws, no decisions can be taken on items not included in the agenda of the meeting unless, in cases of emergency; such items are added at the meeting with the consent of a two-thirds majority.</p>
	<p>CHAPTER IV THE BOARD</p>	<p>Chapter IV. The Executive.</p>
	<p><u>Article 13</u></p> <p>1. UWE/GEFDU shall have a Board consisting of President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer.</p> <p>2. The Board shall consist of members from at least three national federations or associations.</p> <p>3. No more than two members shall be members of the same NFA national federation or association.</p> <p>4. The Board shall in any case consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a</p>	<p><u>Article 13</u></p> <p>UWE/GEFDU shall have an Executive consisting of three persons. No two members of the Executive shall have the same nationality. The Executive shall consist of the President, the Vice-President and the Treasurer.</p>

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	<p><u>Article 14</u></p> <p>1. The Board shall be elected by the General Meeting</p> <p>2. The terms of office for members of the Board shall run for three years from the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected until the end of the Annual General Meeting three years later notwithstanding that at times this period may not be a full three years and at other times it may slightly exceed three years.</p> <p><i>Do we need to think about a President who is elected a year in advance? It has some merit.</i></p> <p>2. The President shall serve for a term of three years which is not renewable.</p> <p>3. The other members of the Board <u>shall</u> serve a term of three years, renewable once.</p> <p>4. The members of the Board can be removed from office by a resolution presented by at least two NFAs present at a General Meeting and which is approved by a majority of two-thirds of the delegates entitled to vote and voting.</p>	<p><u>Article 14</u></p> <p>The Executive shall be elected by the Assembly and shall serve for a term of three years, renewal once.</p> <p>The members of the Executive can be removed from office by decision of the Assembly taken by a majority of two-thirds of the delegates entitled to vote and voting.</p>
	<p><u>Article 15</u></p> <p>deleted</p>	<p><u>Article 15</u></p> <p>The president shall nominate a Secretary from her own federation/association. The Secretary shall attend the meetings of the Executive and the Assembly. She is entitled to speak but not to vote.</p>
	<p><u>Article 15 (was 16)</u></p> <p>1. The president shall summon the Board.</p> <p>2. The quorum shall be a majority of the members of the Board representing at least two different NFAs</p> <p>3. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority.</p> <p>4. In case of a tied vote the Presidents' vote decides.</p> <p><i>I think where the Board is only five members this gives the President too much power. The only occasion in which there might be a tied vote would</i></p>	<p><u>Article 16</u></p> <p>1. The president shall summon the Executive.</p> <p>2. The quorum shall be a majority of the Executive members.</p> <p>3. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority.</p> <p>The Executive shall be responsible for carrying out the decisions of the Assembly and is empowered to act on behalf of UWE/GEF DU, if it takes no action involving financial commitments without prior authority of the Assembly.</p>

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	<p>be when at least one member of the Board was absent so either 2:2 or 1:1. Such a situation where there are so few votes means the President can virtually overrule other members on the Board's views. I think we should say:</p> <p>4. In the case of a tied vote the President does not have a deciding vote but the Board should give develop a consensus view on the matter which is acceptable by a majority of the Board.</p> <p>This may sound a bit cloud cuckoo land but it should offer much greater opportunity for proper consideration of finding a way through a controversial situation.</p>	
	<p><u>Article 16 (was 17)</u></p> <p>1. The Board shall administer UWE/GEFDU and shall have all powers necessary to do this apart from those powers given explicitly to the General Meeting.</p> <p>2. The Board shall be responsible for carrying out the decisions of the General Meeting.</p> <p>3. The Board is empowered to act on behalf of UWE/GEFDU, provided that it makes no financial commitments involving amounts greater than Euro 1.000,- without prior authority of the General Meeting</p>	<p><u>Article 17</u></p> <p>The Executive shall administer UWE/GEFDU and shall have all powers necessary to do this apart from those powers given explicitly to the Assembly.</p>
	<p><u>Article 17 (was article 18)</u></p> <p>Two members of the Board shall sign official documents emanating from UWE/GEFDU.</p>	<p><u>Article 18</u></p> <p>Official documents emanating from UWE/GEFDU shall be signed by two members of the Executive.</p>
	<p><u>Article 18(was article 19)</u></p> <p>Only the General Meeting can take the decision whether to take or defend any legal action; therefore except in an emergency, in which an emergency Extraordinary-General Meeting shall be called.</p> <p>(?As we have not defined an emergency General Meeting should we call this an extraordinary General Meeting instead?)</p>	<p><u>Article 19</u></p> <p>Only the Assembly can take the decision whether to take or defend any legal action.</p>
		<p><u>Article 20</u></p> <p>The association will be represented in legal actions both as plaintiff and as defendant by the president and one member of the Executive designated to that effect by the Assembly. Legal actions must be conducted through</p>

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		the courts of the Canton of Vaud.
	CHAPTER V. FINANCE	
	<p><u>Article 20 (was Article 21)</u></p> <p>1. Members shall pay annual dues at a rate to be determined by the General Meeting each year.</p> <p>2. Annual dues shall be paid in Euros.</p> <p>3. In the event of withdrawal the dues for that year must be paid.</p> <p><i>As the most likely reason for withdrawal is inability to pay dues, I do not see how we can ensure the dues are paid for the year in which an NFA withdraws.</i></p> <p><i>Is the point really:</i></p> <p><u>3. An NFA withdrawing from UWE/GEFDU shall not be entitled to rebate on dues paid for the year in which withdrawal takes place nor for any preceding year.</u></p> <p>4. The financial year shall run from 1 January to 31 December inclusive</p>	<p><u>Article 21</u></p> <p>Members shall pay annual; dues at a rate to be determined by the Assembly each year.</p> <p>In the event of withdrawal the dues for that year must be paid.</p>
	<p><u>Article 22</u></p> <p>deleted</p>	<p><u>Article 22</u></p> <p>The financial year shall be 1 January – 31 December inclusive .</p>
	<p><u>Article 21 (was Article 23)</u></p> <p>The financial resources and contributions of UWE/GEFDU shall consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. payments by the members b. private or public subsidies, donations and any other resources not prohibited by current legislation and rules in force. 	<p><u>Article 23</u></p> <p>The funds of UWE/GEFDU shall consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. payments by the members; b. donations, subsidies and/or other legitimate sources. Every year, the Executive shall submit to the Assembly a financial statement for the past and a provisional budget for the coming year. <p>In the event of loss of membership the former member shall have no claim on the funds of UWE/GEFDU.</p>

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	<p><u>Article 22 (new Article)</u></p> <p>1. Every year , the Board shall submit to the General Meeting a financial statement for the past year and a provisional budget for the coming year</p> <p>2. The financial statement and the provisional budget must be sent to the members by the Internet at least one month before the General Meeting.</p> <p>3. In the event of loss of membership a former member shall have no claim on the funds of UWE/GEFDU.</p>	
	<p>CHAPTER VI (NEW) RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS</p>	
	<p><u>Article 23 (new Article)</u></p> <p>1. UWE/GEFDU alone is responsible for the debts legally incurred in its name, which shall be guaranteed by its funds.</p> <p>2. Individual members, the national federations and associations of UWE/GEFDU, its Board, committees and staff shall not be liable for contracts, debts, or other obligations incurred by UWE/GEFDU.</p>	
	<p><u>CHAPTER VII (was CHAPTER VI)</u> MODIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION</p>	<p><u>CHAPTER VI.</u></p>

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	<p><u>Article 24</u></p> <p>1. The power to amend the Constitution shall be vested in the General Meeting.</p> <p>2. Proposals for amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted by the Board or shall be proposed by an NFA national federation or association and seconded either by the Board or by another NFA national federation or association. proposed by at least one third of the national federation and associations.</p> <p><i>I think one third of the NFAs for a proposal of a change to the constitution is ridiculous and threatens the liberty of the NFAs. It puts changes to the Constitution far too much into the power of the Board. Two NFAs supporting a change to the constitution should be acceptable just as it is elsewhere in IFUW: proposer and seconder.</i></p> <p>3. The Board shall inform the members at least ninety days in advance of the date of the General Meeting at which there is to be discussion of proposed amendments.</p> <p>4. Decisions on these subjects require a quorum of two-thirds of the members and a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, <u>including proxy votes.</u> What about proxy votes? Are they allowed here?</p> <p>5. If the quorum for the meeting is not reached, a new meeting shall be summoned as stipulated in section 3 of this Aarticle ; in this case no quorum is required, but there must be a two thirds majority of the votes cast.</p> <p>6. Unless otherwise provided, amendments to the Constitution shall come into force at the end of the General Meeting which approved them.</p> <p><i>(Grammar was a bit up the creek here).</i></p>	<p><u>Article 24</u></p> <p>1. Proposals for amendments to the Constitution and/or dissolution of UWE/GEF DU shall be submitted by the Executive or by at least one-third of the members. The Executive shall inform the members at least ninety days in advance of the date of the meeting of the Assembly at which there is to be discussion of proposed amendments or dissolution.</p> <p>2. Decisions on these subjects require a quorum of two-thirds of the members and a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. If the quorum for the meeting is not reached, a new meeting shall be summoned as stipulated in Section 1 of this article and no quorum is required but there must be a two-third majority of the vote cast.</p> <p>3. Unless otherwise provided an amendment to the Constitution shall come into force immediately after approval by the Assembly.</p>
	<p><u>CHAPTER VIII (new)</u> <u>DISSOLUTION.</u></p>	

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	<p><u>Article 25</u></p> <p>1. Any notice of proposed dissolution of UWE/GEFDU must reach the members at least six months before the General Meeting.</p> <p>2. A vote to dissolve UWE/GEFDU can be passed only:</p> <p>a. by a General Meeting at which at least one third of the national federations and associations are represented.</p> <p>b. if three fourths of the delegates entitled to vote and present vote in favour of dissolution;</p> <p>c. If the vote to dissolve UWE/GEFDU is later ratified by two thirds of the national federations and associations.</p> <p>3. Immediately after the General Meeting, national federations and associations shall be notified of the decision to dissolve.</p> <p>4. Unless more than one third of the national federations and associations formally oppose the decision within six months after notification, the vote to dissolve shall be confirmed.</p> <p>5. UWE/GEFDU will be considered lawfully dissolved in case of bankruptcy or when its governing bodies can no longer be constituted in accordance with this Constitution.</p>	<p><u>Article 25.</u></p> <p>In the event of dissolution, the Assembly shall allocate the assets to the members defined in Article 5 for purposes similar to those of UWE/GEFDU</p>
	<p><u>Article 26 (new)</u></p> <p>1. In case of dissolution, the General Meeting, which votes to dissolve, shall appoint one or more liquidators, charged with overseeing the liquidation process.</p> <p>2. Upon its completion, they shall distribute any remaining assets to national federations and associations who have paid their current subscriptions for international fellowships for higher education for women in accordance with guidelines established by the General Meeting having voted the dissolution.</p> <p>3. Failing agreement on this point, the assets shall revert to IFUW.</p>	

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	<p>CHAPTER IX (new) GENERAL PROVISIONS</p>	<p>CHAPTER VII By-Law, final dispositions</p>
	<p><u>Article 27</u> 1. The Constitution shall be supplemented by By-Laws to be adopted by the General Meeting on the basis of a proposal from the Board. 2. Anything not covered by the Constitution and its By-Laws shall be settled in the first place in accordance with the constitutional provision and By-Laws of IFUW and, failing that, in accordance with the legislation in force in the place where the seat is located. 3. A copy of any modifications to the constitution or By-laws must be sent to IFUW</p>	<p><u>Article 26</u> 1. The Constitution shall be supplemented by By-laws. 2. Anything not covered by the Constitution and its By-laws shall be settled in accordance with Swiss law</p>
	<p><u>Article 28</u> This Constitution comes into force immediately after the approval by the General Meeting , September 13th –2008</p>	<p><u>Article 27</u> This Constitution comes into force immediately after the approval by the Assembly, November 28th 1981</p>