

**Guidelines for establishing and
functioning of Student Societies in
the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka**

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Students wishing to set up a society within a department or a faculty or the University should pay attention to the following guidelines in proposing the society and drafting its constitution. With the guidance of respective Head of the Department and Senior Treasurer, any proposed society should have freedom to formulate their own constitution and terms of agreement, the University does not wish to authorise or recognize any proposed Society which is not upholding democratic principles and norms in its constitution or functioning. It is therefore proposed that any proposed society will have freedom to formulate its constitution provided that they adhere to the following guidelines in the formulation of its constitution and functioning:

1. Formulation of a Society

1.1 Name of the society:

It should, as far as possible, indicate the nature of society proposed to be formed. The selected name should not be misleading or scandalous. Abbreviated form of the name of the society should be different from those of existing societies.

1.2 Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives of the Society:

They should be stated clearly and as far as possible precisely, though they can be very wide-ranging and broad. Any person who reads the constitution should know what the proposed society stands for. Any aims and objectives the achievement of which is declared illegal by the law of the land cannot be included as aims and objectives of the proposed society. Similarly, the aims and objectives cannot be violated the fundamental freedoms and rights of people of the country.

1.3 Membership:

The constitution should state the eligibility requirements to become members of the proposed society. However, the membership should not be restricted to any selected