DCU Gaming Society

Constitution

2012/2013

# Article 1: Name of The Society

The name of the society shall be the Dublin City University Gaming Society (Games Soc).

# Article 2: Aims and Objectives

The society shall work to promote games as demanded by the membership in the following forms:

 PC Games

 Console Games

 Traditional and Tabletop Games (Role-playing, Card, Strategy and Board Games)
The aims and objectives of the society shall be as follows:

1) To encourage gaming in all in forms within the University, and to provide an opportunity for as many people as possible to enjoy gaming.

2) To provide a selection of gaming materials for use by the membership.

3) To provide game based activities and services to the membership.

4) To help give the membership a greater appreciation for and interaction with the gaming industry.

5) To organise any other event that further promotes the society around the University as an outstanding society.

# Article 3: Members

1) Membership of the society shall be open to all students and staff of the University.

2) Membership shall be obtained by paying the appropriate fee and signing the membership roll.

3) At the discretion of the committee, former students and staff of D.C.U. may be granted associate membership. Such a person will have the right to attend meetings of the society and shall pay an appropriate fee. Associate membership may only be granted to a person who would not be eligible for membership under section 1 of this article.

The use of the word 'member' in this document does not refer to associate members.

# Article 4: Committee

1) The society shall have an elected governing committee.

2) The committee shall run the society in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Society, its constitution and on behalf of the members.

3) Committee decisions shall be decided by majority voting.

4) A quorum shall be three(3) committee members.

5) The committee shall consist of the following:

* Chairperson
* Secretary
* Treasurer
* Public Relations Officer
* Trips and Events Officer
* Console Events Officer
* PC Events Officer
* 2x Traditional and Tabletop Gaming Officers
* Webmaster
* First Year Rep

6) The committee members shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting.

7) The term of office of these elected Officers shall be one year.

8) Duties of the committee:

Chairperson (Chief Officer of the society)
 Chair all meetings.

* Officiate at meetings of the society.
* Co-ordinate the activities of the society.

Secretary
 To deal with all correspondence and records.

* To notify the membership of meeting times, etc.

Treasurer
 To administer the funds and assets of the society.

* To maintain accounts and budgets.

Public Relations Officer
 To inform members of events and activities of the society.

* To promote the society and organise recruitment.

Trips and Events Officer
 To organise trips to conventions and other off campus gaming events.

Console Events Officer
 To co-ordinate the organisation of any and all console based events.

PC Events Officer
 To co-ordinate the organisation of any PC based events and general game server maintenance.

Traditional and Tabletop Gaming Officer's
 To co-ordinate the organisation of any and all traditional gaming events.

Webmaster
 To ensure the society's website is kept up to date and functional.

First Year Rep

 To be elected in an EGM no later than week 4 of semester 1.

 To be filled by an incoming first year to the society when possible.
 To assist in the day-to-day activities of all committee members as well as the society in general.

9) All committee members must be members of the society.

# Article 5: Meetings

There shall be an Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) held each year.

1) The A.G.M. shall take place in March or April at a date set by the outgoing committee. In the event that the committee fails to announce an A.G.M. the membership shall be empowered to call one. Person(s) wishing to seek election to a committee position should make themselves known, two academic days prior to an election for such a position.

2) Elections for the offices of the committee shall take place at the A.G.M. Should a vacancy arise on the committee during the year the committee has the right to fill the vacancy for an interim period of up to 2 academic weeks until an E.G.M. is held.

3) A quorum at this meeting shall be: Ten percent of the ordinary membership and at least one committee member or thirty percent of ordinary membership.

4) The business of the A.G.M. shall also include an annual report given by the outgoing Chairperson and Treasurer.

5) An Extraordinary General Meeting (E.G.M.) shall be convened if: 20% of the membership or three committee members request one in writing, or within two academic weeks of any committee position becoming vacant.

6) Notice of all meetings shall be given to membership at least six academic days prior to the date of the meeting.

7) A written submission by 40% of the membership that the notice given was inadequate shall be deemed sufficient to make such a meeting invalid.

8) In the event of the non-presence of the Chairperson of the society a resolution may be proposed as the first item on the agenda to appoint a temporary chairperson for the meeting.

Such a Chairperson need not be a member of the committee.

9) At a general meeting of the society any member of the society may propose a resolution relating to the business of the society. Such a vote may put a standing order into place, so long as such an order does not contradict this constitution.

10) All resolutions shall be passed by a vote of members.

11) All resolutions must gain the support of the majority of members present in order to be declared to have been to have passed by the Chairperson.

12) Votes will be by show of hands, unless two members request a secret ballot. All votes shall be by proportional representation by single transferable vote where applicable.

# Article 6: Dismissal of Committee Members

No member of the committee shall be dismissed from office unless: Notice of resolution to seek such dismissal, signed by at least 20% of the members of the society is received an academic week prior to the general meeting at which such resolution shall be debated.

The resolution shall be passed by a majority voting at the meeting.

A committee member may be deemed to have resigned should they be absent for 3 meetings in a row without apologies.

# Article 7: General

1) There shall be a president of the society who shall be a full staff member in compliance with the regulations set down by the Society Life Committee (S.L.C.) of D.C.U.

2) The membership fee shall be in compliance with the conditions set by the S.L.C.

3) All committee positions shall be honorary.

4) This constitution may be changed by the membership on the condition that: Such a proposal is made in writing and signed by at least 3 committee members, or 10% of the membership

Notice of a proposal to seek an amendment to this constitution shall be given to members at least an academic week prior to the meeting at which such a proposal would be considered.

Such a proposal must reach the approval of more than 50% of members present at such a meeting. Each member shall be entitled to receive a copy of this constitution on demand.

Unless deemed impossible by circumstances beyond the control of the committee a current copy of this constitution shall be made available on the Internet.

It is the duty of the committee to ensure that the membership knows of this constitution and particulars of this paragraph.