

## **1. Definitions**

- a). The 1828 Journal is the Kings College London Conservative Association's student political journal.
- b). The 1828 Journal exists in a perpetual state of association with the Kings College London Conservative Association (KCLCA). It will operate as a fully autonomous subsidiary of the KCLCA in terms of its internal affairs, staff appointments, events and publications.

## **2. Obligations**

- a). The 1828 Journal will provide a platform for political discussion and debate for all members of the KCLCA in addition to any external writers who submit articles for submissions.
- b). It must maintain a level of political diversity in the opinion pieces it publishes. All publications are at the discretion of the sitting Editor -in-Chief (EiC), who unilaterally holds the power to decide what gets published and what form publications take. Misuse of this power can result in impeachment as defined in Section xx.
- c). In return for this service the EiC will sit on the committee of the KCLCA and will maintain open and clear communication with the President of the KCLCA.
- d). KCLCA will provide funding for the Journal which will be used via an expenses account to be used by the sitting EiC.
- e). Each member of the KCLCA Committee must produce an article for the Journal. Though the editing and publication of this article lies with the EiC.

## **3. Appointment of an Editor-in-Chief**

- a). A new Editor -in-Chief must be appointed every year by the 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- b). A sitting EiC may remain as EiC for a second year so long as it does not breach any of the other requirements defined in this section. They may not however, remain as Editor for more than 2 unless they are appointed as a caretaker Editor as defined in Section xx
- c). The new EiC will be chosen by the sitting EiC with the advice of the sitting president and the previous year's EiC (who will be acting as an honorary Deputy Editor as described in Section 4.e). It is recommended that the

position is advertised during May with prospective candidates submitting their CVs and Cover Letters of no more than 600 words. The top candidates should then be interviewed by the EiC along with the President elect of the KCLCA and the Honorary Deputy Editor, with the sitting EiC making the ultimate decision.

#### **4. Powers of an Editor-in-Chief**

- a). The EiC has full control over all editing, social media and publications.
- b). The EiC has the power to appoint an Editorial Team. The power to remove and appoint Editors lies solely with the EiC. This however excludes Honorary Editors.
- c). The EiC will have full control over access to all social media, emails and websites associated with the Journal.
- d). The EiC will have access to expenses as defined in Section 7.
- e). When an EiC comes to the end of their tenure they will serve the following year as an Honorary Deputy Editor, becoming an Honorary Editor for life and having their profile placed on the previous Editor's page on the website.

#### **5. Removal of an Editor-in-Chief**

- a). If a President, member of the KCLCA committee, Journal Editorial Team or KCLCA member feels the EiC is acting in bad faith or has breached this constitution they can call for their removal.
- b). An Investigation will then be carried out by the Honorary Deputy Editor and Honorary Chair of the KCLCA. The EiC must provide full access to all emails and social media refusing to do so will result in immediate removal from office without the need for a vote resulting in the scenario described in section 5.f.
- c). The EiC will continue to act as EiC while this investigation is carried out.
- d). After the investigation the Honorary Editors and sitting President will vote on impeachment. In the event of a tie the decision goes to the side made up entirely of Honorary Editors as they always take precedent. In any scenario the side with a majority wins. Abstentions do not count in this vote.

e). If the EiC survives impeachment they cannot have this process brought against them again for 6 months unless it is brought forward by at least 2 Honourary editors (to ensure the protection of the Journal).

f). if impeached the EiC is immediately removed from office. The Honourary Deputy Editor will take over as a caretaker until a new EiC is found using the process described in section 3 (though over a time frame of no more than three weeks). The new EiC will receive all of the benefits described in Section 4.e while the impeached Editor loses all rights to these benefits.

## **6. Content and conduct**

a). the EiC must ensure that the Journal does not make any publications that contain any:

- Gross Misinformation

- Racist, homophobic, misogynistic, misandrist, anti-Semitic or otherwise grossly offensive content or language (unless being used in an academic or journalistically relevant sense i.e. an article analysing race relations in the United States, anti-semitism in local communities or misogyny in the British workplace etc. – though even here it must be used to the absolute minimum amount possible)

- Personal attacks or provocation against a private individual (i.e. someone not in the public sphere).

- Extremist or propagandistic material

b). As defined in section 2.a the EiC must ensure a level of political diversity is maintained in the pieces that are published. This also includes the members of the Editorial Team.

c) If a member of the Editorial Team is involved in controversy it is up to the discretion of the EiC with the advisement of the Honourary Deputy Editor.

d) if a member of the Editorial Team is indicted either by the University or Police then they must be temporarily suspended or publish under the pseudonym Damian Wellers until they are cleared. If they are then articles will be reverted to their name. If found guilty then they will remain under the pseudonym and the Editor in question must be removed.

e) The EiC and their team must avoid unnecessary provocation of any group or individual.

f) the EiC and their team must fact check all articles prior to publication as part of the Editorial process.

g). The 1828 Journal must only ever be referred to officially as the 1828 Journal.

h). This Constitution must be freely available in readable form on the 1828 Journal Website.

I). Attempting to sell, change, delete or otherwise try to effect the Journal with any malicious intent will result in legal action being taken.

## **7. Expenses**

a). The EiC is authorised to appoint a deputy Editor who may also use this system. Any refusal to authorise these payments by the Treasurer without justified cause will amount to a breach of this constitution.

b). These funds must only be used to pay for official journal business such as website rental, printing costs or other essential services.

c). Misusing funds is grounds for impeachment as described in Section 5.

d). Receipts and invoices must be produced when making expenses requests.

e). These expenses will be paid for by the KCLCA as described in Section 2.