Fish on Toast Constitutions

1. NAME: The name of the Society will be called Fish on Toast

2. OBJECTS & AIMS: The objects and aims of the Society will be to promote entrepreneurship and business amongst the students of the University of Southampton and in society as a whole. We aim to help to develop the skills of our members and to help facilitate the formation of members’ businesses. The Society is non-commercial, non-political and non-partisan.

4 MEMBERSHIP: Membership of the Society may include any Student, Faculty member or alumnus of The University of Southampton who wishes to join, at the discretion of the Committee.

5. COMMITTEE: The Committee will carry out the general policy and aims of the Society and provide management of the affairs of the Society. It shall determine and manage its own operations and initiatives as well as the organisation of membership and level of membership fees. The Committee will meet at least 5 times a semester.

The Committee will consist of a maximum total of 20 members, as follows:- a) Executive committee: 1. Two Co-Presidents and 2. One Vice-President. The Executive committee shall be members of all committees and sub-committees. Committee b) Up to 17 elected Members of the Committee, comprising of positions on sub-committees: 1. Marketing 2. Sponsorship 3. Spawn 4: Events 5: Secretary. The sub-committees are decided by the Executive Committee and their officer’s either by elections at the AGM or by appointment of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee and Members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society for a 1 year term, and be eligible for re-election for subsequent terms whilst still a student at The University of Southampton. If the Executive Committee deems it essential, then it may appoint temporary committee members to the Committee who will be confirmed by the Committee members and will sit on the Committee until the next AGM.

6. ADVISORY BOARD: The Advisory Board will comprise up to 8 Board Members and 1 Chair Person. The Executive Committee will report to the Advisory Board a minimum of three times an academic year. The Advisory Board will have no executive or operational control of the society but will advise the Committee on its activities.

6. VOTING: Each member has one vote in the positions where they are eligible to vote. Each Committee member has one vote where they are eligible to vote. Each Executive Committee member has one vote, except at the AGM when voting for new Committee or Executive Committee members where each Executive Committee member will have three votes unless they are standing for a position.

7. PROXY VOTING: The Society may not provide for proxy voting at an AGM.
8. MEETINGS OF SOCIETY  a) Meetings of the Society will be arranged from time to time at a venue chosen by the Committee. Usually the meeting will take place every week during term time at The University of Southampton, to which all members will be invited. b) The AGM of the Society will be held during term time annually at the University of Southampton. The AGM will include the consideration of reports on the work done by the Executive Committee and the Committee, the adoption of the annual accounts of the Society, consideration of any other relevant reports and the election and confirmation in office of the Executive Committee and Members of Committee.

9. COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS: The Committee will endeavor to communicate with members by electronic means wherever possible.

10. FINANCE: The Society shall have the power to raise money by means of membership fees, sponsorship and contributions from other sources. The funds, income and property of the Society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects and aims of the Society as set out in the Constitution and no portion thereof shall be transferred by way of profit to any member of the Society, providing that nothing herein shall prevent the reimbursement, in good faith, of reasonable out of pocket expenses and on presentation of receipts to the Vice-President. All interest received on Society funds shall be retained by the Society and put towards the objects and aims of the Society. The membership fee for any financial year shall be decided after AGM and no member of the Society shall be liable to any further financial demands.

11. DISSOLUTION: The Society may at any time be dissolved by a resolution passed by 75% of those present and/or entitled to vote at a special meeting of the Committee of which at least 90 days’ notice shall have been sent to the Society’s membership. Upon dissolution, all funds of the Society shall be donated to any successor organisation of the Society or, if none, to SUSU.

12. ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION Alterations to the Constitution can be made by a resolution passed by a Special Resolution by 75% of the Committee present and entitled to vote at a properly convened meeting of the Committee (Including Executive Committee). Other suggestions for change to the Constitution may be submitted to the Committee for consideration. The Constitution should be reviewed from time to time and approved changes confirmed by 75% of the Committee.

14. CO-PRESIDENT’S DISCRETIONARY POWER The Co-Presidents shall have the power to act on behalf of the Committee in urgent matters that may arise, provided that his/her action is reported to and confirmed at the next Committee meeting.

15. RESIGNATION Any Committee member or Executive Committee member has the right to resign from their position at any time, taking effect from notice being given to Executive Committee.