



ASHOKA NEXTGEN LEADERS

Club Charter

Ashoka University's premier organisation of next-generation leaders and entrepreneurs

Governing document of the Ashoka NextGen Leaders Club
Registered with the Student Life Office, Ashoka University

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PREAMBLE

We, the founding members of Ashoka NextGen Leaders, establish this charter to create a durable, inclusive, and policy-compliant student club at Ashoka University. The club exists to serve every student interested in the intellectual and practical dimensions of family enterprise, succession, governance, leadership, and stewardship in India.

We commit to operating with transparency, integrity, and humility, faithful to Ashoka's values and to the policies of the Student Life Office. This charter is written to outlast its founding members and to give every future generation of the club's leadership a stable framework to inherit.

01 Name & Identity

Field	Particulars
Registered name	Ashoka NextGen Leaders
Short form	ANG · NextGen Leaders
Type	Non-academic student club
Registered with	Student Life Office, Ashoka University
Tagline	Ashoka University's premier organisation of next-generation leaders and entrepreneurs
Contact email	[To be assigned upon registration]

Amended in this version. Version 1.0 carried the tagline "Where Legacy Meets Critical Thinking".

02 Purpose & Scope

2.1 Purpose

Ashoka NextGen Leaders exists to provide an open, interdisciplinary community for all Ashoka students interested in family enterprise, succession, governance, leadership, and stewardship. The club addresses a specific and currently unmet need: students who expect to return to, lead, or engage with family enterprises have no dedicated peer community, programming, or forum to support that journey at the undergraduate level.

The club convenes that community through peer learning, expert engagement, structured programming, and mentorship, grounded in Ashoka's commitment to critical thinking, interdisciplinary inquiry, and ethical leadership.

2.2 Scope of Activities

- Speaker series, panel discussions, and fireside conversations with family business leaders, successors, and professional managers.
- Governance and succession workshops, and peer learning circles.

- Mentorship programming between current students and Ashoka alumni who have returned to or advise family enterprises.
- Institutional collaborations and inter-club programming, subject to Student Life Office approval.
- Approval-dependent educational site visits and industry immersions, in accordance with the University’s Policy on Off-Campus Events.
- An annual conference modelled on established precedents, subject to advisor and Student Life Office approval.

Any expansion of scope beyond the above requires formal review and written approval by the Student Life Office before the activity is undertaken.

Amended in this version. Version 1.0 included “student-led research and publications on family enterprise in India” within scope. That activity has been withdrawn. Narrowing scope is a substantive amendment under Section 11.

03 Membership

3.1 Eligibility

Membership is open to every currently enrolled, bonafide Ashoka University student, regardless of academic programme, year of study, or personal background. The club does not restrict membership to students from family business backgrounds. Membership tiers of any kind are strictly prohibited. Faculty, staff, and alumni may participate as guests, speakers, or mentors, but may not serve as members, hold office, or take part in club decision-making.

3.2 Induction

Recruitment may commence only at the annual Clubs and Societies Fair, once an incoming student is officially a bonafide student of the University. The club will advertise openly and recruit broadly, giving every student an equal and transparent opportunity to join. There is no application, fee, interview, or shortlist.

3.3 Active Membership

A member is active in a given semester if they attend at least two club events or meetings, or participate meaningfully in at least one club programme, workshop, or initiative. Active status is required for voting rights and election eligibility. This distinction rests solely on participation and does not constitute a membership tier.

3.4 Renewal & Restrictions

Membership renews automatically each semester subject to the criteria above, with no renewal fee or reapplication process. Members on academic probation, disciplinary suspension, or Leave of Absence may not participate in club activities for the duration of that status.

3.5 Minimum Membership

The club must maintain a minimum of ten regular and contributing members at all times to retain Active status with the Student Life Office, as per University policy.

3.6 Data Confidentiality

The club will not collect, store, or share information pertaining to a member’s finances, government-issued identification, medical records, or any other data protected by applicable law. All personal data held electronically will be encrypted and will not be stored on any individual’s personal device.

04 Leadership Structure

4.1 Formal Structure

The club's formal leadership structure is as follows. All leadership positions must be held by currently enrolled, bonafide Ashoka students.

Role	Responsibilities
President	Overall strategic direction; primary liaison with the Student Life Office and faculty advisors; institutional representation; convenes general body meetings; co-signs all official financial submissions.
Vice-President I Operations	The operating calendar: scheduling, venue and approval workflows with the Student Life Office, event logistics, and the records submitted at each appraisal cycle.
Vice-President II Member Engagement	Intake, orientation, the mentorship programme, peer circles, and the active-membership register that determines voting rights and eligibility for office.
Vice-President III Marketing & External Engagements	The club's public presence and external relationships: brand and communications, event promotion, inter-club and institutional partnerships, and sponsor conversations.
Chief Financial Officer (Treasurer)	Budgeting, expenditure approvals, reimbursement submissions, financial ledger maintenance, and compliance with University financial policy; liaises with the Student Life Office on all monetary matters.
Chapter Heads (×4)	Lead one of the four club chapters under 4.2 and manage all chapter-specific programming, events, and responsibilities.

The three policy-critical roles — President, Vice-President, and Chief Financial Officer — must be held by three different individuals at all times.

Amended in this version. Version 1.0 provided for a President, two Co-Vice-Presidents, and a Treasurer / Financial Officer. This version separates the Vice-Presidency into three defined portfolios and renames the finance role.

4.2 Four Club Chapters

The club's programming and operations are organised across four chapters, each led by a Chapter Head. Governance, legacy, succession, and stewardship are the subjects the club studies; the chapters are how it does the work.

Chapter	Remit
I • Community	Intake and onboarding, peer learning circles, the mentorship programme, internal culture, and mid-year reflection.
II • Outreach	Speaker series, NextGen Dialogues, alumni relations, and institutional and inter-club collaborations.
III • Immersion	Educational site visits and industry immersions, host relationships, and the briefing and debrief around each visit. Subject to Section 9.5.

Chapter	Remit
IV · Conferences	Set-piece events and the club calendar: the launch, Jashn-e-Jazba, quarterly townhalls, and the annual conference.

Amended in this version. Version 1.0 established five verticals — Governance, Legacy, Innovation, Community, and Outreach. Governance and Legacy are now subjects running through all four chapters rather than chapters in themselves. Restructuring is a substantive amendment under Section 11.

4.3 Duties of Leadership

- All leadership members must attend mandatory University townhalls, training sessions, and meetings convened by the Student Life Office.
- The President is the primary point of contact with the Student Life Office and the faculty advisor.
- The Chief Financial Officer liaises with the Student Life Office on all monetary matters and co-signs financial submissions with the President.
- Leadership members are expected to communicate all relevant University policies to the general membership.
- All leadership members must obtain a No Objection Certificate from the Registrar’s Office before taking up their role.

05 Electoral Process & Leadership Transitions

5.1 Primary Leadership Elections

- The five primary offices are elected annually by the active membership, by secret ballot, after Annual Production Fortnight and before the end of the Spring semester.
- Any active member who has been a member for at least one full semester may stand.
- Quorum requires a minimum of 50% of active members present or represented by valid proxy submitted in advance.
- In the event of a tie, a run-off is held at the same session.
- Results are communicated to the Student Life Office within ten working days, and reported at Appraisal II.
- No member may hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

5.2 Chapter Head Selection

Chapter Heads are secondary offices filled through a transparent, participation-based process subject to Student Life Office approval. Criteria must be objective and based solely on direct participation: duration of involvement, regular attendance, demonstrated contribution to the relevant chapter, and availability across the term. The use of resumes, academic transcripts, LinkedIn profiles, or equivalent external credentials in this selection is strictly prohibited.

5.3 Leadership Transitions

Outgoing officers are responsible for a structured, written handover before the conclusion of each academic year, comprising event records, the financial ledger, membership records, vendor contacts, Student Life Office correspondence, and any pending commitments. Newly confirmed leadership must notify the Student Life Office of its composition within ten working days. If an officer undertakes a Semester Abroad programme during tenure,

an interim representative must be appointed and notified to the Office.

5.4 Resignation & Removal

- Any officer may resign by written notice to the President and the faculty advisor; the Student Life Office must be informed promptly.
- Members on disciplinary probation, suspension, or Leave of Absence must resign from all offices immediately.
- The President may be removed by a two-thirds majority of active members, with at least seven calendar days' written notice before the vote.
- The Student Life Office reserves the right to terminate the leadership of any member found in violation of University policy, after adequate investigation.

06 Decision-Making Process

6.1 General Decisions

Day-to-day operational decisions — event planning, programming, internal communications, and routine expenditure within pre-approved budgets — may be taken by the President in consultation with the relevant Chapter Head and the Chief Financial Officer.

6.2 Decisions Requiring Advisor Consultation

- All major events, speaker invitations, and institutional collaborations.
- Any activity falling outside the approved scope under Section 2.
- Any financial commitment above routine operational cost.
- Any external partnership, affiliation, or memorandum of understanding.
- Any situation involving a potential conflict of interest.

6.3 Decisions Requiring Student Life Office Approval

- All events, including scale, venue, and participant scope.
- All financial commitments, fundraising plans, and sponsorship arrangements.
- All external collaborations and institutional partnerships.
- All off-campus activities and industry immersions.
- Any expansion of the club's approved scope.

No member may sign a contract or enter into any written or verbal agreement on behalf of the club without prior approval from the Office of the Registrar and the Student Life Office.

6.4 Role of the Faculty Advisor

The faculty advisor serves as mentor and institutional guide. The advisor will meet club leadership at least once every three weeks during active semesters, interact with the general membership at least once per appraisal cycle, and complete the mandatory Advisor Assessment Form for each appraisal. The club may have up to three faculty advisors; no advisor may be associated with more than two registered clubs simultaneously.

07 Conflict of Interest Policy

7.1 Disclosure Requirement

Where any of the following involves a member's family business, personal commercial interest, or any arrangement from which the member may derive personal benefit, that relationship must be disclosed in writing to the faculty advisor and the Student Life Office before any commitment is made: sponsorship or fundraising partnerships; speaker invitations or institutional partnerships; vendor engagements; site visits or immersions hosted by a member's family enterprise; and any contractual or financial arrangement entered into on behalf of the club.

7.2 Recusal

Once a conflict is disclosed, the member must recuse themselves from all related discussions and decisions without exception. Non-disclosure of a known conflict will be treated as a serious conduct violation and may result in removal from office.

7.3 No Personal Use of Club Resources

Club resources — budget, name, platform, and institutional access — may not be used for personal commercial interests, private initiatives, or any purpose outside the approved scope.

08 Finance & Resource Management

8.1 Funding Model

The club is fully self-funded and makes no funding request of the Student Life Office. Operational costs are met through club-led fundraising planned in advance and approved by the Office; external sponsorships from family business networks, industry bodies, and aligned organisations, each subject to prior written approval and full conflict-of-interest review under Section 7; and approved institutional partnerships carrying programmatic or in-kind support. The club will not apply for University seed capital or Student Life Office budget allocations.

8.2 Financial Controls

- No member may make a financial commitment, advance payment, or purchase without express written Student Life Office approval.
- All expenditure submissions must be signed by the President and submitted by the Chief Financial Officer.
- Reimbursement claims must be submitted with itemised, legible receipts within ten working days.
- Unauthorised expenditure is not recoverable from any club or University fund.
- The club may not pay its own officers or members for their services.

8.3 Financial Reporting

The club maintains a complete and current financial ledger at all times. A financial report is submitted to the Student Life Office at the close of each appraisal cycle in the format the Office specifies, whether or not University funds are involved.

09 Activities, Collaborations & Compliance

9.1 Mandatory Participation

The club will participate in all mandatory events organised by the Student Life Office: the Clubs and Societies Fair in early September; Jashn-e-Jazba in mid-November; Annual Production Fortnight at the end of March; and all quarterly townhalls, with at least one officer attending each.

9.2 Activity Planning

The club will submit a tentative activity schedule to the Student Life Office at the beginning of every semester, or as and when requested. All large-scale activities must be notified to the Student Life Office well in advance; implementation may only begin once formal written approval has been received.

9.3 Collaborations

The club will host at least one collaborative event per appraisal cycle with another registered Ashoka club, society, or academic body. The club is also encouraged to build programmatic affiliations with contemporaries at other universities and organisations, subject to Student Life Office approval and the autonomy framework below.

9.4 External Autonomy

Any affiliation with external organisations is advisory and programmatic only. All decision-making authority rests with Ashoka student leadership, and Ashoka University policy takes precedence in all matters relating to the club. No arrangement will be entered into that creates dependency on or control by an external organisation.

9.5 Off-Campus & Site Visit Activities

All off-campus activities, immersions, and site visits require prior written Student Life Office approval and must comply with the University's Policy on Off-Campus Events. A member's family enterprise may host a visit only after a conflict-of-interest disclosure has been filed and approved under Section 7.

9.6 Communications

The club keeps the Student Life Office informed of all communications and publications on any platform, copying life@ashoka.edu.in on relevant official correspondence. No use of the Ashoka University name, logo, seal, or institutional identifiers will be made without authorisation from the relevant University official.

10 Accountability & Documentation

10.1 Records

The club maintains current records covering: this charter and the club's objectives; current and past membership and leadership; all events hosted or participated in; the financial ledger; semester activity calendars; meeting minutes; and a media archive.

10.2 Appraisal

A full appraisal report is submitted at each of the two annual cycles — Appraisal I from late November to mid-December, and Appraisal II from late March to mid-April — covering all elements specified by the Student Life Office. The club commits to acting on feedback received from the Office, the faculty advisor, and the general student body.

10.3 Emergency Protocol

In the event of an emergency or injury during any club activity, on or off campus, leadership must immediately notify the Student Life Office, or Residence Life staff outside office hours. All injuries must be directed to the Infirmary as soon as possible, and an incident report filed with the Student Life Office within twenty-four hours.

11 Amendment Procedure

This charter may be amended only through the process below. No amendment takes effect before the required approvals are obtained. Proposed amendments must be circulated in writing to all active members at least seven calendar days before the vote, and the faculty advisor must be consulted before any amendment is put to a vote.

Type	Quorum	Approval required
Minor — editorial or clarifying	Simple majority at quorum	Advisor review and Student Life Office notification
Substantive — purpose, scope, or structure	60% supermajority of active members	Advisor approval and Student Life Office approval before effect
Dissolution	Two-thirds of active members	Written notice to the Student Life Office and full financial reconciliation

12 Public Accessibility

In accordance with Ashoka University policy, this charter is a publicly accessible document available to every member of the Ashoka University community. The club will keep an updated version available on its official channels at all times and will provide a copy to any student, staff member, or faculty member on request.

13 Signatures & Ratification

This charter has been read, understood, and agreed to by the founding members and, upon approval, by the authorised representative of the Student Life Office. By signing below, all parties affirm their commitment to operating in accordance with this charter and all applicable Ashoka University policies.

CO-FOUNDER Suryansh Dalmia BSc Economics & Finance · ID 1120241002 SIGNATURE & DATE	CO-FOUNDER Madhav Wadhwani BSc Economics & Finance · ID 1020241622 SIGNATURE & DATE
FACULTY ADVISOR [Name, designation] Ashoka University SIGNATURE & DATE	STUDENT LIFE OFFICE [Authorised signatory] Ashoka University SIGNATURE & DATE