PUBLIC OPERATING PRINCIPLES

How EIFS is led, and what members can expect.

SOAS Ethical & Islamic Finance Society is a student-led community for learning, questioning and building practical routes into ethical and Islamic finance.

STATUS

This is a public governance overview for the 2026/27 academic year. It is not a replacement for an approved constitution or Students' Union rules.

SCOPE

It explains the society's position, committee responsibilities, working standards and routes for questions, participation and accountability.

Our position

Student-led

The committee sets the programme, creates learning resources, manages partnerships and represents the society's student voice.

SOAS-based

EIFS is based at SOAS University of London. Core membership is managed through the society's official SOAS Students' Union listing.

Open to all

Islamic finance is central to the society's identity. Participation is not restricted by faith, degree, university or prior knowledge.

Educational material supports learning and discussion. It is not personal financial, legal or religious advice.

ACCOUNTABILITY IN PRACTICE

Clear owners. Shared standards. A record built for handover.

Committee responsibilities

01	**President**	Strategy, representation, sponsorships, external relationships and final accountability.
02	**Vice-President**	Operations, delivery and committee coordination.
03	**Treasurer**	Budgets, funding applications, expenditure, reimbursements and financial reporting.
04	**Secretary**	Agendas, minutes, room bookings, documentation and committee communication.
05	**Digital Strategy & Technology**	Website, systems, registration, analytics, branding, promotion and educational resources.

Wider committee portfolios

Samah	**Head of Membership & Welfare**	Recruitment, engagement, inclusion, accessibility, feedback and member wellbeing.
AK	**Careers, External Relations & Editorial: Analyst**	Career access, professional and university relationships, newsletters, research, interviews and first-year support.
Hannah	**Membership Engagement & First-Year Representative**	Recruitment, retention, community building, first-year representation and digital content support.

How the society works

Decisions

Relevant officers own day-to-day delivery. Material programme, partnership and spending commitments are reviewed by the committee and recorded with an owner and next action.

Money and partnerships

Spending should follow Students' Union processes. Partnerships should create visible student benefit and must not turn the society into a product sales channel.

Learning and public claims

EIFS aims to distinguish evidence, interpretation and promotion. Technical material should cite sources, identify reviewers where possible and avoid personal advice.

Access and continuity

Events and resources should welcome beginners and publish accessibility information. Records, templates and digital knowledge should be handed to the next committee.

Questions or concerns

Members can contact soasislamicfinancesociety@gmail.com or use soaseifs.com/contact. SOAS students can also use the official Students' Union society listing and support routes.