

Constitution of the University of Toronto Communist Club

Article 1: Name, Purpose, And Aims Of Organization

- 1.1. The official name of the organization is “Communist Party of Canada Club”
- 1.2. The purpose, objectives, mission and/or mandate of the organization is to further the cause of communism at the University of Toronto.

Article 2: Membership and Membership Fees

- 2.1. The group shall maintain a list of group members.
- 2.2. Membership shall be open to all registered student members of the University of Toronto, without restriction on the grounds outlined by the Ontario Human Rights Code’s Prohibited Grounds of Discrimination.
- 2.3. Voting membership is open only to registered students of the University of Toronto.
- 2.4. Non-voting membership is open to University of Toronto staff, faculty, alumni, and to persons from outside the University without restriction on those grounds outlined by the Ontario Human Rights Code’s Prohibited Grounds of Discrimination. Unless otherwise stated, non-voting members do not hold any rights awarded to voting members.
- 2.5. Membership fees shall be determined by a vote of members at a duly called meeting.

Article 3: Affiliation

- 3.1. The organization is a club of the Communist Party of Canada.

Article 4: Rights of Members

- 4.1. All members may apply for a full refund of their membership fee within one (1) month of becoming a member.
- 4.2. All voting members have a right to attend all general meetings of members.
- 4.3. All voting members have a right to cast votes at all general meetings of members.
- 4.4. All voting members have a right to stand for election unless otherwise stated in this document.
- 4.5. All voting members have a right to cast votes in all group elections and referenda.

4.6. All voting members have a right to propose and vote on amendments to this constitution.

4.7. The rights prescribed in Article Three are not awarded to non-voting members as described in Article Two.

Article 5: Executive Committee

5.1 The term for all positions on the Executive Committee shall be from May 1st to April 30th.

5.2 The Executive Committee shall be comprised of four (4) voting members.

5.3 All voting members of the Executive Committee must be currently registered students of the University of Toronto.

5.4 No person may serve as a financial authority or signing authority for the group if they are currently serving as a financial authority or signing authority for another recognized student group at the University of Toronto.

Article 6: Executive Committee Composition and Duties

6.1 The President shall:

6.1.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,

6.1.2. Oversee the operations, management, and success of the group,

6.1.3. Serve as spokesperson for the group,

6.1.4. Hold signing and financial authority along with the Secretary-Treasurer,

6.1.5. Preside over meetings of the Executive Committee and/or members,

6.1.6. Ensure a transition of office from one year to the next.

6.2 The Vice-President shall:

6.2.1. Carry out the duties of the president when assigned by the president or by a vote of group members.

6.3 The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

6.3.1 Write and record the minutes and agendas for meetings,

6.3.1 Serve as signing and financial authority along with the President.

6.4 The Contact Person shall:

6.4.1 Maintain contact with the university.

Article 7: Elections

7.1 All voting positions on the Executive Committee shall be filled through a once annual election, or at other times by a vote of the members at a duly called meeting.

7.2 All voting group members shall be eligible to seek nomination to and cast a ballot for each voting position.

7.3 Non-voting group members shall not be eligible to cast a ballot for any elected position.

7.4 The nominee winning the plurality of votes cast in the election for each position shall be deemed the winner.

Article 8: Finances

8.1 The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an active record of income and expenses.

8.2 The Treasurer shall present the group's updates on the group's financial position at annual general meetings.

8.3 The Executive Committee must approve all expenditures over \$100.00 through a majority vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

8.4 The group may not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature.

8.5 The group will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus chapter of a commercial organization.

8.6 The group will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the group.

8.7 The group will not pay salaries to any of its officers.

Article 9: Meetings

8.1 The Executive Committee shall meet at least monthly. The quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be 50%+1 of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

8.2 The group shall hold general meetings at least twice per year to provide the general membership an opportunity to review the group's annual activity plan, financial health, and propose or vote on constitutional amendments.

8.3 The Executive Committee must announce the date of a general meeting to the general membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Article 10: Termination of Membership

10.1 The Executive Committee may revoke the membership of any member of the club who commits an act negatively affecting the interests of the club and its members, including non-disclosure of a significant or continuing conflict of interest.

10.2 A vote to revoke membership must be held at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

10.3 A two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee is required to approve any motion to revoke membership.

10.4 Any member facing removal shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Executive Committee to the general membership.

10.5 In the case of an appeal, a simple majority vote at a meeting of the general membership shall be required to sustain the revocation of membership.

10.6 Following a termination of membership, the member will be removed from the club's membership and will lose any privileges associated with being a member of the club.

10.7 Executive Committee members are subject to the same termination of membership process as general members.

Article 11: Amendments

11.1 All amendments of this constitution shall require a 2/3 majority vote to be passed at a general meeting.

11.2 All voting members may propose and vote on amendments to the constitution.

11.3 The Executive Committee shall submit the revised constitution to staff in the Division of Student Life at the University of Toronto within two (2) weeks.

11.4 Amendments to the constitution shall take effect only once the revised constitution has been approved by staff in the Division of Student Life at the University of Toronto.