

Article I: Name of Organization

1.1 The official name of the organization will be Taoism Student Association at the University of Toronto Scarborough.

1.2 The Taoism Student Association may be referred to by the acronym TSA.

Article II: Purpose

2.1 The purpose of Taoism Student Association will be to provide fellow students who follow Taoism beliefs a place to practice their religions and promote Taoism to people who are interested.

2.2 The Taoism Student Association will enhance the educational, recreational, social, or cultural environment of the University of Toronto Scarborough by promoting inner peace, compassion and Taoism cultures.

2.3 The Taoism Student Association fundamentally serves a non-profit function within the University of Toronto Scarborough, and will not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature.

2.4 The Taoism Student Association operates as an independent entity working within the University of Toronto Scarborough community subject to the values and policies of the University.

Article III: Membership

3.1 Membership in Taoism Student Association is open to all students, staff, faculty and alumni of the University of Toronto Scarborough.

3.2 The term of membership for the Taoism Student Association will be from September 1 – August 31 each year.

3.3 Each member shall be afforded the following rights through membership in Taoism Student Association

3.3.1 The right to participate and vote in group elections and meetings;

3.3.2 The right to communicate and to discuss and explore all ideas;

3.3.3 The right to organize/engage in activities/events that are reasonable and lawful;

3.3.4 The right to freedom from discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or sexual orientation;

3.3.5 The right to be free from censorship, control, or interference by the University on the basis of the organization's philosophy, beliefs, interests or opinions unless and until these lead to activities which are illegal or which infringe on the rights and freedoms already mentioned above;

3.3.6 The right to distribute on campus, in a responsible way, published material provided that it is not unlawful;

3.4 Each member shall possess the following responsibilities relative to participation in Taoism Student Association.

3.4.1 Support the purpose of the organization;

3.4.2 Uphold the values of the organization;

3.4.3 Contribute constructively to the programs and activities offered by the organization;

3.4.4 Attend general meetings;

3.4.5 Abide by the constitution and subsequent official organizational documents;

3.4.6 Respect the rights of peers and fellow members;

3.4.7 Abide by University of Toronto policies, procedures, and guidelines;

3.4.8 Abide by the Laws of the Land, including but not limited to the Criminal Code of Canada.

3.5 The Taoism Student Association will collect a mandatory membership fee from each member each year. This fee will be proposed as part of the operating budget presented to general members for approval at a valid general meeting.

3.6 The Taoism Student Association values and respects the personal information of its members. The Taoism Student Association secures its member's information at all times and will not supply names or other confidential information to third-parties.

3.7 The Taoism Student Association will protect the privacy of member information and must use it only for the delivery of service and not for commercial gain.

Article IV: Executive

4.1 The executives of the organization shall include President, Vice President Operations, Vice President External, Vice President Health and Vice President Human Resources

4.2 The broad responsibilities of each executive position are as follows:

4.2.1 President is the official spokesperson of the organization and provides direction for all components of the organization in a manner consistent with the organization's constitution and policies.

4.2.3 Vice-President External acts as a liaison between the organization and other student clubs, societies, organizations, and groups on and off campus.

4.2.6 Vice-President Operations oversee the organization's finances and is charge of developing and enhancing the delivery of member services.

4.2.7 Vice-President Heart is responsible for being in touch with the heartbeat of every single person at this organization. Meaning he/she has to make sure everyone feels safe and welcomed in organizations.

4.2.8 Vice-President Human Resources is responsible for the hiring and training of all organizational

associates while developing human resources practices and policies to maintain a positive and safe working environment for group members.

4.3 Only student members of the organization may hold executive positions.

4.4 The executive positions collectively will form a committee that acts as the primary steward of the organization.

4.5 This committee is collectively responsible for the day-to-day decision making of the organization including but not limited to monitoring finances, event planning and execution, member services, and advocating on behalf of members to Administration and student government.

4.6 This committee cannot make amendments to the constitution without the approval of the general membership at a valid general meeting.

4.7 The term of each executive will last from May 1 following their election to April 30 of the following year.

4.8 Any executive of the organization may resign, provided that such resignation is made in writing and delivered to the President. Unless any such resignation is, by its terms, effective on a later date, it shall be effective on delivery to the President, and no ratification by the organization shall be required to make the resignation official.

4.9 Any vacancy of executives shall be filled by the President or designate of the organization until such a time where a by-election is held, a permanent appointment occurs, or a hiring process is conducted.

4.10 If the President resigns, notice of such resignation must be submitted in writing and delivered to the executive committee at a valid executive meeting. Unless any such resignation is, by its terms, effective on a later date, it shall be effective on delivery to the

3executive committee, and no ratification by the organization shall be required to make the resignation official.

4.11 Any vacancy of the President shall be filled by another executive committee member appointed by a simple and clear majority of the executive committee until such a time where a by-election is held, a permanent appointment occurs, or a hiring process is conducted.