

# Students Supporting Israel Constitution

## ARTICLE I – GENERAL

**Section 1:** T1.1. The official name of the recognized student group is *Students Supporting Israel at University of Toronto*

**Section 2:** The student group will comply with all University policies and procedures, as well as local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

**Section 3:** The group should operate as a non-profit organization.

**Section 4:** This organization shall exist for the following purposes:

- a. To provide students with the opportunity to support the position of Israel in the Middle East, discuss fair media coverage of the area, and familiarize students with the current events and Israeli culture.
- b. To promote better understanding of Israel as member of the family of nations and Israel's fundamental right to exist within secure and recognized borders, by openly discussing controversial topics related to Israel.
- c. To provide an organized base for conducting activities such as information sessions, open discussion forums, film screening, guest speakers and informational displays related to the group's interests.

## ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP/IMPEACHMENT

**Section 1:** Membership activities are open to all students, faculty and staff at the Universities.

**Section 3:** No more than 1/3 of the voting membership shall consist of non-students.

**Section 4:** Membership is open to all students without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, creed, marital status.

**Section 5:** Members will actively participate in at least ½ of the group's activities during each semester.

**Section 6:** Any member/officer may be impeached for misconduct (to be defined by the group (for example, failure to perform duties, attendance, misuse of funds, etc.) The member/officer shall be given a seven day notice and an opportunity to defend him/herself. This impeachment vote shall require a 2/3 majority vote.

**Section 7:** Voting membership is open to all registered students of the University of Toronto.

**Section 8:** Non-voting membership is open to University of Toronto staff, faculty, alumni, and to persons from outside the University. Unless otherwise stated, non-voting members do not hold any rights awarded to voting members.

## ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

**Section 1:** The officers of this club shall consist of President, Vice President, Communication Coordinator, Events and Activities Coordinator and Treasurer.

**Section 2:** All officers must be enrolled students at the University in which the group activates from.

**Section 3:** All voting members of the Executive Committee must be currently registered students of the University of Toronto.

**Section 4:** The maximum amount of non-voting positions on the Executive Committee shall be one (1) position or ten per cent (10%) of the positions on the Executive Committee, whichever is greatest.

**Section 5:** 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 IV - Executive Committee Composition and Duties

### 1.1. The **President** shall:

- 1.1.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 1.1.2. Oversee the operations, management, and success of the group,
- 1.1.3. Serve as spokesperson for the group,
- 1.1.4. Hold signing and financial authority along with the Treasurer,
- 1.1.5. Preside over meetings of the Executive Committee and/or members,
- 1.1.6. Ensure a transition of office from one year to the next.

### 1.2. The **Vice-President** shall:

- 1.2.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 1.2.2. Assume duties of the President in their absence,
- 1.2.3. Ensure activities of the club comply with policies of the University of Toronto,
- 1.2.4. Coordinate organizational recruitment efforts.

### 1.3. The **Secretary** shall:

- 1.3.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 1.3.2. Maintain a list of group members,
- 1.3.3. Maintain the group website and member contact list,
- 1.3.4. Record notes and motions for meetings,
- 1.3.5. Notify all members of general meetings.

### 1.4. The **Treasurer** shall:

- 1.4.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 1.4.2. Record all financial transactions of the group,
- 1.4.3. Hold signing and financial authority along with the President,
- 1.4.4. Maintain a budget of income and expenses,

- 1.4.5. Advise members on financial position of the group,
- 1.4.6. Prepare an annual budget for the group.

## 2. Article V – Elections

- 2.1. All voting positions on the Executive Committee shall be filled through an annual election.
- 2.2. All voting group members shall be eligible to seek nomination to and cast a ballot for each voting position.
- 2.3. All non-voting group members shall be eligible to seek nomination only for non-voting positions on the Executive Committee.
- 2.4. Non-voting group members shall not be eligible to cast a ballot for any elected position.
- 2.5. The nominee winning the plurality of votes cast in the election for each position shall be deemed the winner.
- 2.6. On the condition that multiple candidates are to be elected for a single position, the nominees winning the largest share of the votes cast shall be deemed the winners until all positions are filled.
- 2.7. The elections must be held in a nonbiased manner. No individual who is seeking election may participate in planning or administering the election.

## ARTICLE VI – MEETING

**Section 1:** A regular meeting shall be held once every two weeks during the academic year. A special meeting may be called by any of the officers.

**Section 2:** A Quorum shall be present in order to conduct official business of the club. A quorum shall consist of 2/3 of the officers and/or 50% of the voting membership.

## ARTICLE V – BY-LAWS

**Section 1:** By-Laws may be proposed by the membership and may be adopted by a majority vote on those present at the meeting when a quorum is present.

## ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

**Section 1:** Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any member of the club, such proposals shall be submitted in writing to the president or vice president for a first reading to the membership at a regular meeting prior the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted on.

**Section 2:** Duty proposed amendments shall be submitted to a vote of the voting member's providing quorum is present. A 2/3 majority vote in favor shall be required for adoption of such amendment.

Constitution Ratified:

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