

# UofT Greens Club

## Constitution

*Amended Young Greens of Canada Bylaws*  
(<https://www.greenparty.ca/en/party/documents/ygc-bylaws>)  
*and Charter of the Global Greens*  
(<https://globalgreens.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Global-Greens-Charter-2017.pdf>)

### 1. General

1.1 The University of Toronto Greens Club (UofT Greens) is closely affiliated with the Young Greens of Ontario (YGO), and follows the constitution and bylaws of the Green Party of Ontario.

1.2 The purpose of the UofT Greens Club is to:

1.2.1 Support the Party in its efforts to elect candidates to the House of Commons, Legislative Assembly, and Community Council;

1.2.2 Ensure a youth voice is part of debating and forming legislation in Canada's Parliament and Provincial Parliament;

1.2.3 Ensure a youth voice is part of developing the policy, positions, and platforms of the Party;

1.2.4 Facilitate the involvement of young Canadians in Green Party politics and intersectional sustainability efforts on campus and in the GTA;

1.2.5 Ensure the Principles of the Global Greens Charter that reference young people are respected and prioritized.

1.3 This constitution may be amended by a 50% vote of approval of UofT Greens members voting at a General Meeting, and shall become effective following a vote of approval of greater than 50% of votes cast by UofT Greens members.

### 2. UofT Greens Leadership Council

2.1 The UofT Greens Council is the governing body of the UofT Greens and is responsible for providing strategic advice for the Club.

2.2 The Council shall be composed of:

Two Co-Presidents

One Communications Lead

One Social Media Coordinator

One Press Secretary

One Secretary

One Volunteer Coordinator

One Treasurer

One DEI Coordinator

One Indigenous Relations Coordinator

One (1) optional representative from each of UofT's three campuses

2.3 Each project and campaign will be assigned its own

Directly Responsible Individual (DRI)

Secretary

2.4 Council positions that become vacant will be filled via by-election.

2.5 Members of the Council shall serve for a term of one year in length and are eligible to run for one additional term.

2.6 A Council member who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings or votes of the Council without apparent cause shall be removed from the Council unless the member provides satisfactory explanation of the absence and is reinstated by a majority vote of the remaining Council members.

2.7 Members of the Council may be removed from office for cause, by a 75% majority vote of the Council in a meeting called for that purpose.

2.7.1 For the purposes of this section, cause is defined as any behaviour that contravenes the standards outlined in the Green Party of Ontario's Member Code of Conduct.

2.7.2 A Council member facing a motion for removal must be informed of all allegations in writing and is entitled to thirty (30) days to prepare and present their defense before any motions for removal proceed.

2.7.3 A Council member facing a motion for removal is entitled to attend the meeting at which the motion for their removal is discussed in order to present their position and/or defense. Subsequent to their presentation, the Council member may then be asked to withdraw from the meeting by the remaining Council members.

2.7.4 Motions for removal shall be conducted via secret ballot.

2.7.5 Should a motion for removal be successful, the remaining Council members may also submit a request for a review of the removed Council member's membership to the President.

2.7.5.1 This Council member shall appeal to the general membership or the Leadership Council if they believe this decision is indefensible.

### **3. Election of Leadership Council**

3.1 All nominees must have been members of UofT Greens who are members in good standing for at least thirty (30) days as of the Council election date.

3.1.1 They are preferably members of the Green Party of Ontario.

3.2 Nominations will close at least one week prior to the vote.

3.3 Instructions for how to vote in the Council election shall be made available at least thirty (30) days prior to the Council election date.

3.4 All UofT community members shall be eligible to vote in the selection of the Council members.

3.5 The vote for the Council shall be by ranked-choice ballot.

## **4. Council Meetings**

4.1 The Council shall conduct meetings no less than six (6) times per year.

4.2 Quorum at Council meetings shall be a majority of voting members then in office.

4.3 Council may meet by electronic means and hybrid means if physical means are not possible.

4.4 All decisions of Council shall be by consensus or, if consensus cannot be reached among those present, by a majority vote of those present and voting.

4.5 Council meetings shall be scheduled by the Council. Notice of Council meetings must be given to all Council members a minimum of one week prior to the meeting date.

4.6 Council may make decisions between normal meetings by email and other electronic means, and the result of any such votes shall be ratified and read into the minutes at the subsequent meeting.

4.7 All and only members of Council may vote in Council meetings.

4.8 The Council may adopt procedural rules for conducting their meetings.

## **5. Campus Club Recognition Policy**

5.1 Must adhere to the following:

5.1.1 Respect the purpose of the Young Greens of Ontario;

5.1.1.1 UofT Greens will collect names and contact information of campus club executives and share them with the YGO Co-Chairs.

5.1.1.2 UofT Greens will give up-to-date access of constitution to YGO Co-Chairs when changes are made and implemented.

5.1.2 Respect the regulations of the UTSU

5.1.3 Executives of campus clubs hold Party membership where eligible.

## **6. Constitution Amending**

6.1 Any club member and/or Leadership Council members in good standing may propose a Constitution amendment of their design.

6.2 To propose said amendment, they require support of at least one additional club member.

6.3 Amendment proposal will be shared with club community at least one week prior to the vote.

6.4 All members of the UofT Greens who are members in good standing of the club shall be eligible to vote on amendment proposals.

6.5 Amendment proposal must receive two-thirds of voting support to be formally added to UofT Greens Constitution.

## **7. Principles**

7.1 The policies of the UofT Greens are founded on the principles of

- Ecological wisdom
- Social justice
- Economic liberation
- Intersectional environmental feminism
- Diversity
- Participatory democracy
- Nonviolence
- Sustainability
- Anti-colonialism
- Anti-capitalism
- Anti-racism
- Anti-homophobia
- Anti-transphobia
- Anti-patriarchy

- Anti-ableism
- Anti-zionism
- Anti-fat-phobia
- Migrant worker liberation
- Radical positivity

(in no particular order).

## 7.2 The political action of the UofT Greens supports

- Democracy
- Liberation
- Climate action
- A Just renewable energy transition
- Biodiversity
- Local sustainable adaptation
- Global deglobalisation by sustainability principles
- Human rights
- Food and water
- Sustainable planning
- Sustainable technology
- Peace and security
- Global action

(in no particular order).

## **8. Political Action and Mobilizing**

8.1 Campus club members are encouraged to attend monthly Young Greens of Ontario (YGO) meetings.

8.2 Campus club members are encouraged to get involved with any and all UofT Green campaigns, projects, and actions as their capacity allows.

8.3 Said events and involvement include but are not limited to

- Political issue-based campaigns and protests
- Political office-related campaigns

- Sustainable business collaboration and involvement
- Campus sustainability issued-based campaigns
- Collaborative campus events and campaigns
- Collaborative community events and campaigns