

Power to Change - University of Toronto Student Chapter
A branch of Power to Change Ministries, Canada

Constitution

Article I: Name

- (1) The club's official name will be Power to Change - University of Toronto Student Chapter. It may also be referred to as Power to Change, P2C, P2C – U of T, Power to Change – Students - University of Toronto, Power to Change – U of T, Power to Change - University of Toronto or University of Toronto Power to Change. A byline, “formerly Campus for Christ” may also be added in addition to Power to Change. No other name may be used to refer to this club.
- (2) P2C is an affiliated chapter of Power to Change - Students, a division of Power to Change Ministries, Canada and Cru International.

Article II: Club Mandate

- (1) Power to Change - University of Toronto Student Chapter exists to:
 - a. share the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ,
 - b. encourage the student body to explore their spiritual dimension,
 - c. to provide avenues for spiritual development and training for spiritual leadership, and
 - d. to provide opportunities for involvement in international missions projects.
- (2) P2C's mission statement is aligned with the mission statement of Power to Change - Students, which states, “To change the world by helping students discover Jesus.”
- (3) P2C will utilize the strategy set forth by Power to Change, Canada:
 - a. DISCOVER: through sensitive and relevant ways, discuss with the student body how to explore their spiritual dimension
 - b. EXPERIENCE: actively engaging in discipleship of fellow Christians to deepen and strengthen their relationship with God, equipping them with knowledge and experience; and
 - c. INSPIRE: giving opportunities for Christians to impact the world in a positive way beyond University of Toronto.
- (4) P2C will adhere to the following statements of beliefs, in accordance to Power to Change Ministries, Canada's statements of beliefs:
 - a. The sole basis of our beliefs is the Bible, God's infallible written Word, the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. We believe that it was uniquely, verbally and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and that it was written without error in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks. We accept those large areas of doctrinal teaching on which historically there has been general agreement among all true Christians. Because of the specialized calling of our movement, we desire to allow for freedom of conviction on other doctrinal matters provided that any interpretation is based upon the Bible alone and that no such interpretation

shall become an issue which hinders the ministry to which God has called us. We explicitly affirm our belief in basic Bible teaching as follows:

- i. There is one true God, eternally existing in three persons--the Father, Son and Holy Spirit--each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of Deity and the characteristics of personality.
- ii. Jesus Christ is God, the living Word, who became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. Hence, He is perfect Deity and true humanity united in one person forever.
- iii. He lived a sinless life and voluntarily atoned for our sins by dying on the cross as our substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone.
- iv. He rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He had lived and died.
- v. He ascended bodily into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father, where He, the only mediator between God and humanity, continually makes intercession for His own.
- vi. We were originally created in the image of God. We sinned by disobeying God; thus, we were alienated from our Creator. That historic fall brought all men and women under divine condemnation.
- vii. Our nature is corrupted, and we are thus totally unable to please God. Every person is in need of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
- viii. Our salvation is wholly a work of God's free grace and is not based, in whole or in part, on human works or goodness or religious ceremony. God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justifies them in His sight.
- ix. It is the privilege of all who are born again of the Spirit to be assured of their salvation from the very moment in which they trust Christ as their Savior. This assurance is not based upon any kind of human merit, but is produced by the witness of the Holy Spirit, who confirms in the believer the testimony of God in His written Word.
- x. The Holy Spirit has come into the world to reveal and glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to all men and women. He convicts and draws sinners to Christ, imparts new life to them, continually indwells them from the moment of spiritual birth and seals them until the day of redemption. His fullness, power and control are appropriated in the believer's life by faith.
- xi. We as believers are called to live in the power of the indwelling Spirit so that we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh but will bear fruit to the glory of God.
- xii. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body, which is composed of all men and women, living and dead, who have been joined to Him through saving faith.
- xiii. God admonishes His people to assemble together regularly for worship, for participation in ordinances, for edification through the Scriptures and for mutual encouragement.

- xiv. At physical death believers enter immediately into eternal conscious fellowship with the Lord, and await the resurrection of their body to everlasting glory and blessing.
 - xv. At physical death unbelievers enter immediately into eternal conscious separation from the Lord and await the resurrection of their body to everlasting judgment and condemnation.
 - xvi. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth--personally, visibly and bodily--to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.
 - xvii. The Lord Jesus Christ commanded all believers to proclaim the gospel throughout the world and to disciple men and women of every nation. The fulfillment of that Great Commission requires that all worldly and personal ambitions be subordinated to a total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us."
- (5) Affiliation of P2C with Power to Change Ministries, Canada is expressed through
- a. Its acceptance of the purposes of Power to Change - Students;
 - b. Its requirement that all members of the Executive be in full agreement with the purpose and statements of faith of Power to Change - Students
 - c. Its adoption and retention of a Constitution satisfactory to Power to Change - Students; and
 - d. This affiliation shall make available the name, experience, counsel and assistance of Power to Change - Students through its staff, publications ensuring liability insurance for any of P2C's events, and financial assistance.
- (6) P2C is also considered a University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) club and thus is responsible to operate within the rules and regulations as outlined by the most current University of Toronto Students' Union Clubs Policy Manual.

Article III: Membership

- (1) Non-voting membership will be open to everyone in the University of Toronto community including staff, students, alumni, faculty, and chaplains;
- (2) Only registered U of T student members have the ability to vote on matters pertaining to the group, to nominate, run, and vote in executive elections, and to propose and vote on constitutional amendments.
- (3) Members from outside UofT do not have the aforementioned right
- (4) Membership in P2C signifies that a student will respect and support the core purpose and values;
- (5) Unless otherwise stated, all persons are welcome to attend meetings and events of P2C, subject to the cost, space, and or time limitations that there may be. Membership shall not be a prerequisite for participation except for voting at the Annual General Meeting and for holding executive positions; and
- (6) Associate non-voting members will be allowed.

Article IV: Executives

- (1) The core positions on the incoming executive group (known as the "Servant Team") will be determined by an election at an annual general members meeting (AGMM) to be held before Winter session ends.
- (2) All voting members are allowed to run for core positions on the executive group.

- (3) Voting members of the Executive Committee must be registered UofT students
- (4) Only a maximum of 10% of the Executive Committee can be non-students
- (5) There will be an interview process for nominees to explain executive job description and expectations.
- (6) Term of office shall be 52 weeks commencing from the last Saturday of the second semester of the school year.
- (7) The executive shall coordinate policies and overall program for the effective accomplishment of the purposes of P2C and shall be the final authority in all matters pertaining to P2C.
- (8) The positions for the incoming executive group will be submitted with the list of the executives to the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU).
- (9) The core positions of the "Servant Team" must consist of at least the following positions:
 - a. 1 President or 2 Co-Presidents, hereinafter referred to as President(s);
 - b. Vice President – Administration
 - c. Weekly Meeting Coordinator

Article V: Election Process

- (1) A call for nominations will be presented via a group email and weekly meeting announcement a minimum of five weeks before the AGMM.
- (2) An interview process (for the purpose of reviewing responsibilities and expectations; not to select) will be conducted a minimum of three weeks before the AGMM for all nominees.
- (3) Two weeks before the AGMM, all nominees must decide if they wish to run for an executive position.
- (4) At the AGMM, a secret paper ballot or anonymous digital form will be conducted in which a simple majority vote will determine who is elected.
- (5) Votes will be tallied by one executive who is not running and two randomly chosen non-executive members attending the AGMM.
- (6) If an executive member is unable to fulfill their responsibilities, a bi-election will be held as soon as possible, following the guidelines set above.

Article VI: Responsibilities of the Executive

- (1) The President(s) will:
 - a. Oversee the other members of the executive in fulfilling their responsibilities;
 - b. Be the responsible representative to the Student Administrative Council and to other organizations;
 - c. Endeavour to provide leadership to members of the club by his/her participation and example;
 - d. Chair all meetings; and
 - e. Have signing authority for the club.
- (2) The Vice President – Administration will:
 - f. Be responsible for overseeing all financial dealings of the club;
 - g. Keep complete records of all financial dealings of the club; and
 - h. Have signing authority for the club.
- (3) The Weekly Meeting Coordinator will:
 - i. Plan and oversee weekly general members meeting

- j. Oversee various events and club opportunities;
 - k. Delegate various efforts to club leaders; and
 - l. Participate in decision making made by the executive on behalf of the club.
- (4) Honorary members of the “Servant Team” will:
- m. Participate in decision making made by the executive on behalf of the club.

Article VII: Finances

- (1) There is no membership fee to become a member of P2C.
- (2) P2C holds financial partnership with Power to Change Ministries, Canada. This means that our finances are located at the Power to Change Ministries, Canada headquarters and that Power to Change Ministries, Canada has complete control over how those finances are managed. It also means that:
 - a. It is necessary for P2C to be financially responsible in reporting our revenues and expenditures to the headquarters of Power to Change Ministries, Canada;
 - b. An informed 13 percent administrative charge for any donations (ie. annual spring fundraising fellowship dinner) made to P2C is deducted, as approved by Canada Customs and Revenue Agency; and
 - c. The P2C account shall be held with the University of Toronto Students’ Union (UTSU) Accounting Dept. and shall be subject to all University of Toronto Students’ Union (UTSU) regulations, audits etc. as determined by the University of Toronto Students’ Union (UTSU).
 - d. Donations to be receipted must be sent to Power to Change with instructions of what the money is given for and that it is designated for use by P2C. The monies donated will be available for P2C after the Power to Change Ministries, Canada Finance Department has processed the donation.
 - e. The VP-Administration is responsible for keeping track of budget (expenditure, funds) related to events occurring throughout the year.

Article VIII: Meetings

- (1) At least three general meetings shall be held during the school year, including the Annual General Meeting; and,
- (2) Members will be informed of each of these meetings at least seven (7) days in advance.

Article IX: Removal of Executive Members

- (1) The office of an executive member shall be automatically vacated:
 - a. If he or she ceases to be a member of P2C;
 - b. If by notice in writing to the executive he or she resigns from their office;
 - c. If he or she is medically declared unsound in mind;
 - d. If he or she negotiated unauthorized transactions in the name of P2C;
 - e. If his or her convictions so change that he or she is no longer able to subscribe to the statement of agreement to the purposes and statements of belief of P2C; or

- f. If he or she ceases to be or is not a registered student at the University of Toronto.
- (2) If a President, Co-President or Vice-President - Administration leaves office, the Nomination Committee's executive selection and ratification process will be followed.

Article X: Impeachment of Members

- (1) Any member of the club who commits an act negatively affecting the interests of the club and its members may be given notice of impeachment;
- (2) The impeached individual shall have the right to defend his/her actions; and,
- (3) A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present will result in the removal of the impeached individual from the club and the loss of any privileges associated with the club.

Article XI: Refund Policy

P2C does not have a membership fee, but if we did:

- (1) A member may apply to his/her club for a refund within one (1) month of becoming a member of the club, or within one (1) week of club's first official event if:
 - a. There has been a misinterpretation of the club's mandate and proposed activities as specified to the member when signing onto the club.
- (2) A member may only apply to his/her club for a refund after one (1) month of signing up for membership for the club, or after one (1) week of the club's first official event for extenuating circumstances;
 - a. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Serious organizational issues with the club executive that led to a complete lack of communication to its members, or lack of programming as promoted to its members; and,
 - ii. Any circumstances that seriously hampers the ability for the club member to enjoy its membership to the club.
 - b. Where a club and its members cannot resolve the refund issue, a club or the member may request assistance from the Clubs Coordinator who will act as a mediator between the Club and the member to reach a resolution.

Article XII: Constitutional Amendment Process

- (1) Any proposed amendment by the executive group to this constitution must be presented in writing to general members via a group email and at a weekly meeting at least two weeks before the AGMM; and
- (2) All constitutional changes must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting at the AGMM.