



The Constitution of the

**"University of Toronto Mississauga Campus Conservatives"**

As Amended on the sixth day of October in the year two-thousand and eighteen

**1. Name**

- a. The official name of this recognized campus group is **"University of Toronto Mississauga Campus Conservatives"**
- b. The acronym or abbreviation of this group is: **U.T.M.-C.C.**

**2. Purpose and Objective**

a. The objectives of the "UTM-CC" recognized campus group are as follows:

- i. To protect freedom of speech for all individuals on campus.
- ii. To prevent the "politically correct" suppression of values that differ from the liberal status quo.
  - a. An individual holding membership or acting on behalf of the group has the responsibility to prevent suppression from the left, however must refrain from suppression of the left.
  - b. An individual holding membership or acting on behalf of the group is to only engage in open political discourse within the group, or with other members of the UTM or UofT communities. Any member engaging in harassment, or political persecution against another individual, sacrifices the privilege of membership.
    - i. Harassment is defined by UTM-CC as aggressive pressure or intimidation of an individual.
    - ii. Political persecution is defined by UTM-CC as physical, mental, and/or cyber-attacks against an individual caused and/or in retaliation for their political views.
- iii. To help individual members explore their values and beliefs in contrast to the values and beliefs of other members of the community.
- iv. To promote the conservative and right-wing understanding of humanity and the political world.
  - a. Conservative understanding of humanity and the political world is defined by UTM-CC as the ten principles of conservatism, created by Russell Kirk.
    - i. The conservative believes that there exists an enduring moral order.
    - ii. The conservative adheres to custom, convention, and continuity.

- iii. Conservatives believe in what may be called the principle of prescription.
  - iv. Conservatives are guided by their principle of prudence.
  - v. Conservatives pay attention to the principle of variety.
  - vi. Conservatives are chastened by their principle of imperfectability.
  - vii. Conservatives are persuaded that freedom and property are closely linked.
  - viii. Conservatives uphold voluntary community, quite as they oppose involuntary collectivism.
  - ix. The conservative perceives the need for prudent restraints upon power and upon human passions.
  - x. The thinking conservative understands that permanence and change must be recognized and reconciled in a vigorous society.
- v. UTM-CC will strive to provide the Right-wing and conservative community on campus with access to intellectual speakers, philosophical and political leaders of the ideology.
  - vi. UTM-CC must help keep its membership holders vigilant, in regards to world events, political campaigns, and emerging views within the ideological spectrum of the right, and the contrasting ideologies of the left.
  - vii. UTM-CC will provide protest to any form of false political propaganda on campus, be it in favor or malicious to conservative values.
  - a. UTM-CC defines false political propaganda as the spreading of false information in support of a political cause.
  - viii. UTM-CC will aid in the election of Progressive Conservative and Conservative Party candidates for all ridings which border the Erin Mills riding, including the Erin Mills riding.

### **3. Membership**

- a. Membership to UTM-CC is open to all University of Toronto members (Students, faculty, staff and alumni) as well as members of the community.
- b. Executive roles within the UTM-CC are limited to members of the U of T community who have paid applicable membership fees in accordance with section 3.c., in addition, the right to vote, nominate and engage in constitutional amendment, are restricted to those members of the U of T community who have paid applicable membership fees in accordance with section 3.c.
- c. The UTM-CC shall charge a \$5.00 (Canadian dollar) fee for voting membership to the association.
  - i. Members who have paid the applicable fee and therefore hold the privileges outlined in section 3.b. shall be known as "Members-at-large."

### **4. The Executive list and Duties**

- a. The President

- i. To appoint from the general membership or incumbent executive list a member in good standing, to fill a vacancy in the executive team.
      - 1. Member in good standing shall be defined in accordance with section 5.b.i.
    - ii. To be the spokesperson(s) on behalf of the group.
    - iii. To oversee the day to day operation of the group, and work towards achieving the objectives outlined in Section 2.
    - iv. Hold signing officer authority along with the Treasurer for financial purposes.
    - v. To preside over board meetings and general meetings.
    - vi. Ensure transition of office to future executives.
  - b. The Vice-President
    - i. The UTM-CC Vice-President will assume the duties of the President in his/her absence or resignation.
    - ii. Oversee various committees.
    - iii. Ensure all activities of the club meet UofT regulations and policies.
    - iv. Coordinate organizational recruitment efforts.
  - c. The Secretary Internal
    - i. Operate the email account.
    - ii. Maintain the website and social media accounts.
    - iii. Record notes and motions for meetings.
    - iv. Create a list of all registered club members.
    - v. To declare members in good standing during the election cycle.
    - vi. To lead all membership recruitment efforts and ventures.
  - d. The Treasurer
    - i. The treasurer shall record all financial transactions of the group.
    - ii. Hold signing authority along with the President for financial purposes.
    - iii. Maintain a budget of income and expenses along with receipts.
    - iv. Advise members of the group's financial position.
    - v. Create an annual budget and a budget for individual events.
  - e. The Secretary External
    - i. Handle official correspondents of the organization.
    - ii. Maintain relationship with stakeholders and professional networks.
      - 1. E.ii. specifically includes relationships with the alumni network and conservative riding associations (federal and provincial) which border, while being inclusive of, Mississauga-Erin Mills.
    - iii. Chair the Newsletter Committee
      - 1. The Newsletter Committee is responsible for the authoring and publication of a newsletter to be issued at a time frame set by the President.
        - a. If no such committee has been established by the President, then the responsibilities

described in 4.e.iii.1. shall be held by the Secretary External.

f. The Past President

- i. To be eligible for the Past President role one must be the most recent former President of the club.
  1. If the most recent former President of the club elects not to fill the role, a club member who has been a club member for four academic semester prior to appointment is eligible.

- ii. The Past President will offer advice and guidance to the sitting executive team, especially the sitting President.

- iii. To ensure the executive team is maintaining the objectives and purposes of the club outlined in Section 2.

g. The aforementioned executives may appoint additional executive members to operate temporary positions or committees, with the approval of the President or Vice-President. However these roles do not hold executive decision making authority unless stated otherwise by the President.

h. The Termination of Executive Roles

- i. Any executives who acts against the best interest of the UTM-CC, including but not limited to, a non-disclosed conflict of interest, failure to attend three consecutive executive meetings, a violation of the Canadian Criminal Code, may be given a notice of removal.

1. Notice of Removal may be issued by any executive committee member, who has sufficient evidence proving that the executive committee member in question has performed one or more of the malignant behaviors listed in section 4.h.i.

- a. If a notice of removal has been issued, the members of the executive committee, excluding the member in question, shall convene to discuss said impeachment within a timely manner.

- b. A separate meeting must be convened of the executive committee no less than two days after and no greater than 5 days after the meeting outlined in section 4.h.i.1.a. In this second meeting the executives will vote on whether or not to impeach said executive from his role on the committee.

- I. 50%+1 of the executive committee vote is needed in order to officially impeach the member in question.

2. Presidents and executives who have been impeached become in-eligible to serve as the Past President.

- ii. Presidential Line of Succession

1. If by reason of suspension, expulsion, impeachment, conviction of a criminal act,

resignation, and/or death, a sitting President is unable to discharge the powers of their office, then the Vice-President, upon their resignation of the Vice-Presidency shall act as President for a term not exceeding the year he ascended unless otherwise renewed by the elections protocol as per section 5 of this constitution.

- a. For the purpose of this constitution, the word "year" is in reference to one school year of two U of T semesters from the first of September to the thirtieth of April.
  - b. When used, the words "suspension" and "expulsion" refer explicitly to a sitting President's relation with the University of Toronto as a member of the U of T community.
2. The succession protocol outlined in section 4.h.ii.1 will be used in the circumstance that the former Vice-President who has succeeded the president is unable to discharge the powers of their office for any of the reasons outlined in section 4.h.

## **5. Elections**

- a. The executive committee shall strike the Elections Committee and appoint one (1) Chief Returning Officer (CRO) and two (2) Scrutinizers from outside the general members on the committee to conduct and hold elections in March. All members of the Elections Committee shall be non-biased in the results of the election and shall be required to disclose any and all conflicts of interest in the election.
- b. The CRO shall accept nominations only from group members that are also registered U of T members (staff, faculty, students and alumni) for candidacy for the positions listed in section 4, excluding the Past-President, from the general membership before the beginning of March. Candidates have to be members in good standing and be part of the group for at least one semester prior to the nomination period.
  - i. A member, who has elected to run for the President and/or Vice-President roles, standing with the club shall be considered good standing if several terms are met.
    1. Secretary Internal can confirm they have been a club member for a minimum of one academic semester.
      - a. The President will be granted the ability to confirm if a member was a club member for longer than one academic semester, if the Secretary Internal is unable to confirm the length of the member in questions membership.
        - i. If the incumbent President is seeking re-election, then the powers outlined in 5.b.i.1.a. shall pass to the C.R.O.
    2. The member must be in good standing with at least one of the riding associations which border the Erin Mills riding, including the Erin Mills riding.

- a. Standing with a riding association shall be considered good standing if several terms are met.
      - i. An endorsement from a member of the riding association's executive team or the riding association's candidate if the member's standing is under consideration during an election year.
    - 3. Have his or herself nominated by a member in good standing and have said nomination seconded by an additional member in good standing, in express written form.
  - ii. A member, who has elected to run for (a) role(s) in section 4 that is not the President or Vice-President, standing with the club shall be considered good standing if several terms are met.
    - 1. Secretary Internal can confirm they have been a clubmember for a minimum of one academic semester.
      - a. The President will be granted the ability to confirm if a member was a club member for longer than one academic semester, if the Secretary Internal is unable to confirm the length of the member in questions membership.
        - i. If the incumbent President is seeking re-election, then the powers outlined in 5.b.ii.1.a. shall pass to the C.R.O.
      - 2. Have his or herself nominated by a member in good standing and have said nomination seconded by an additional member in good standing, in express written form.
- c. The CRO shall select one date, at least one week prior to the dates selected in accordance with section 5.d., whereon the club shall host a Special Election Meeting.
  - i. Said meeting is required to feature 3 minutes of speaking time per candidate per executive role.
  - ii. Said meeting is required to feature a question and answer period, at least 10 minutes in length, wherein general membership (who are not seeking election) can ask questions of the candidates.
    - 1. Said questions must be relevant to the club's future, or a candidate's plan for the club.
      - a. Questions that are not in accordance with 5.c.ii.1. shall not be answered by candidates.
    - 2. If the candidates so choose, the meeting may be hosted as a debate.
      - a. Said debate must include the question and answer period described in section 5.c.ii.
- d. The CRO shall select three (3) election dates before March 30th for the voting period. These dates will be announced in a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to elections dates and must fall on weekdays.

- e. The CRO and Scrutinizers shall provide each U of T member with a paper ballot on the voting dates and ask the member to place their ballot in an enclosed box.
- f. In preparation for a tie, the CRO shall select an executive from amongst the executive committee, to cast their ballot and seal it in an envelope. In the event of a tie, one of the two Scrutinizers shall break the seal and count the ballot in order to break the tie. After the election is over, the CRO and Scrutinizers shall count the ballots. The candidates with the most votes shall be elected to corresponding positions. The CRO and Scrutinizers shall submit a report of the results of the elections to the Executive Committee and general members.
- g. Registered U of T members may not vote by proxy. Non-U of T members may not nominate or vote in elections.
- h. Only U of T members who have paid any applicable membership fees and have been a member in good standing for 30 days prior to election dates are eligible for voting.
- i. Term of the Executive positions shall be from May 1st to April 30th.
  - i. The term of the President and Vice-President shall not be terminated on April 30<sup>th</sup> under the following conditions.
    - 1. No member in good standing has declared intent to run by the date of eligibility set by the CRO
      - a. Member in good standing will be defined as in Section 5.b.i.

## **6. Finances**

The Treasurer shall keep records of all income and expenses. The Treasurer shall present the group's financial health at the annual general meetings. The Executive Committee will vote on expenditures of over \$100.00 by majority vote at an executive meeting.

UTM-CC's executive or members may not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature. This is not intended to preclude the collection of membership fees to cover the expenses of the group, or of charges for specific activities, programs or events, or to prohibit groups from engaging in legitimate fundraising. However, the group will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus part of a commercial organization, will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the organization, and will not pay salaries to some or all of its officers.

## **7. Meetings**

- a. General Assembly Meetings
  - i. The UTM-CC will host general assembly meetings when the executive members feel the totality of the group is needed to discuss, the immediate or long term future of the group, upcoming events or fundraising, and the removal of a member. General assembly meetings can also be called to hold discourse on the current political environment, and/or

social and economic issues facing the conservative and right-wing communities and/or humanity as a whole.

The/A general member(s) can make a request to the executive members to hold a general assembly meeting if they feel one of the aforementioned criteria for summoning a meeting has been fulfilled and the executives have failed to host the meeting. The executive team must review all requests for a general assembly and provide a response to why a request to assembly is being denied or start the process by which the meeting will be hosted.

In addition to the aforementioned reasons for a general assembly meeting to be summoned, the UTM-CC will host one (1) general assembly meeting in both semesters. The executive team must notify the general membership of the location, time and date, at least two weeks in advance.

b. Executive Meetings

- i. The executives are to meet on a monthly basis, where date and times are to be set by an executive. The quorum of executive meetings shall be 50%+1 of executives.

**8. Amendments**

- a. Any UTM-CC member, who is also a member of the U of T community, considered a member in good standing has the right to propose a constitutional amendment after first obtaining a petition with no less than 5 signatures of UTM-CC members of the U of T community who are considered members in good standing. Constitutional amendments shall require a 2/3 majority to be passed at Annual General Meetings by registered U of T members in attendance.
  - i. A member in good standing will be defined as in section 5.b.i.
- b. Constitutional amendments shall require a 2/3 majority to be passed at Annual General Meetings by registered UTM-CC members of the U of T community, who have paid any applicable membership fees, in attendance.
- c. If the General Membership fails to obtain the two-thirds majority needed to make a constitutional amendment, then said amendment shall not pass.
- d. The Executive Committee shall formally adopt the new constitution and submit the revised constitution to the relevant University offices (i.e. The Office of Student Life) within two (2) weeks of its approval by general members.

**9. Residual Powers**

- a. Any powers not otherwise distributed or mentioned in this constitution will automatically be given to the President in the interest of the club's peace order and good governance.