

Constitution of “Think LOut”

1. Article One – Name and Purpose

- 1.1. The official name of the recognized student group is “Think LOut”
- 1.2. The purpose, objectives, mission and/or mandate of the organization:

Our club’s principles can be summarized in three words: Learning, Acting, and Networking (i.e., **LAN**).

In today’s world, with an environment more fast-paced than ever before, it becomes harder every day to keep up with the new technological advancements. However, as individuals, we cannot grow and flourish unless our rate of learning is greater than the rate of change. As such, and to materialize the learning aspect of our LAN principles, the purpose of ThinkL’Out is to introduce interested students to virtual reality, metaverse, and web 3.0 and discuss the foreseeable opportunities that these advancements can offer humanity. Our goal is to provide our members with an opportunity to ask open-ended questions that will garner reflective discussions from which new ideas can emerge. Meanwhile, to support the acting aspect of our LAN principles, we intend to support innovations and projects involving VR, AR, and metaverse through financing and providing access to required resources (e.g., AR+VR headsets). In terms of networking, on a large scale, we aim to connect students, not only from the University of Toronto but also from other North American and European universities, who have a shared interest in virtual reality through Metaverse. On a smaller scale, our goal is to select high-potential student projects and connect each project group with an industry mentor who would provide professional guidance and feedback.

2. Article Two – Membership and Membership Fee

- 2.1. The group shall maintain a list of group members.
- 2.2. Voting membership is open to all registered students of the University of Toronto.
- 2.3. Voting membership is open only to registered students of the University of Toronto.
- 2.4. Non-voting membership (i.e., general 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.
- 2.5. Members can comprise of various “committees” that support the LAN principles of the club.
- 2.6. General members can apply to serve in a leadership role on the Executive Committee only after 1 semester of active membership and one semester of non-voting position on the executive committee. The latter takes precedent.
- 2.7. General members who attend 85% of club events in any given semester are bestowed “Active” status.
- 2.8. The membership fee will be \$0 CAD per year.

3. Article Three – Rights of Members

- 3.1. All voting members have a right to attend all general meetings of members.
- 3.2. All voting members have a right to cast votes at all general meetings of members.
- 3.3. All voting members have a right to stand for election unless otherwise stated in this document.
- 3.4. All voting members have a right to cast votes in all group elections and referenda.
- 3.5. All voting members have a right to propose and vote on amendments to this constitution.
- 3.6. The rights prescribed in Article Three are not awarded to non-voting members as described in Article Two.

4. Article Four - Executive Committee

- 4.1. The term for all positions on the Executive Committee shall be from May 1st to April 30th.
- 4.2. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of five (5) voting members.
- 4.3. All voting members of the Executive Committee must be currently registered students of the University of Toronto.
- 4.4. Non-voting members may hold only non-voting positions on the Executive Committee.
- 4.5. 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.
- 4.6. Persons holding non-voting positions on the Executive Committee cannot serve as an officer, financial authority, signing authority, primary contact, or secondary contact.
- 4.7. 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.

5. Article Five - Executive Committee Composition and Duties

5.1. The President shall:

- 5.1.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.1.2. Oversee the operations, management, and success of the group,
- 5.1.3. Serve as spokesperson for the group,
- 5.1.4. Hold signing and financial authority along with the Treasurer,
- 5.1.5. Maintain the group website and member contact list,
- 5.1.6. Preside over meetings of the Executive Committee and/or members,
- 5.1.7. Ensure a transition of office from one year to the next.

5.2. The Vice-President shall:

- 5.2.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.2.2. Assume duties of the President in their absence,
- 5.2.3. Establish connections with professionals in the related industry and academia,
- 5.2.4. Ensure activities of the club comply with policies of the University of Toronto,
- 5.2.5. Maintain a list of group members,
- 5.2.6. Notify all members of general meetings.
- 5.2.7. Coordinate organizational recruitment efforts.

5.3. The Marketing Coordinator shall:

- 5.3.1. Advertise for events on campus, including print and electronic media,
- 5.3.2. Collaborate with the Vice President and creative coordinator on various projects,
- 5.3.3. Bring all plans, designs and flyers to Executive board meetings to be approved by the board,
- 5.3.4. Oversee a committee of general members for better promotion of the group activities.
- 5.3.5. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.3.6. Come-up with ideas for club events,
- 5.3.7. Produce learning contents for club events.

5.4. The Treasurer shall:

- 5.4.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.4.2. Prepare an annual budget for the group,
- 5.4.3. Record all financial transactions of the group,
- 5.4.4. Hold signing and financial authority along with the President,
- 5.4.5. Maintain a budget of income and expenses,
- 5.4.6. Advise members on financial position of the group,
- 5.4.7. Record notes and motions for meetings.

6. Article Six – Elections

- 6.1. All voting positions on the Executive Committee shall be filled through an annual election.
- 6.2. All voting group members shall be eligible to seek nomination to and cast a ballot for each voting position.
- 6.3. All non-voting group members shall be eligible to seek nomination only for non-voting positions on the Executive Committee.
- 6.4. Non-voting group members shall not be eligible to cast a ballot for any elected position.
- 6.5. The nominee winning the plurality of votes cast in the election for each position shall be deemed the winner.
- 6.6. 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.
- 6.7. The elections must be held in a nonbiased manner. No individual who is seeking election may participate in planning or administering the election.

7. Article Seven – Finances

- 7.1. The Treasurer shall keep an active record of income and expenses.
- 7.2. The Treasurer shall present the group's updates on the group's financial position at annual general meetings.
- 7.3. The Executive Committee must approve all expenditures over \$100.00 through a majority vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 7.4. The group may not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature.

- 7.5. The group will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus chapter of a commercial organization.
- 7.6. The group will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the group.
- 7.7. The group will not pay salaries to any of its officers.

8. Article Eight – Meetings

- 8.1. The Executive Committee shall meet monthly. The quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be 50%+1 of the voting members of the Executive Committee.
- 8.2. The group shall hold general meetings at least twice per year to provide the general membership an opportunity to review the group's annual activity plan, financial health, and propose or vote on constitutional amendments.
- 8.3. The Executive Committee must announce the date of a general meeting to the general membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

9. Article Nine - Termination of Membership

- 9.1. The Executive Committee may revoke the membership of any member of the club who commits an act negatively affecting the interests of the club and its members, including non-disclosure of a significant or continuing conflict of interest.
- 9.2. A vote to revoke membership must be held at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 9.3. A two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee is required to approve any motion to revoke membership.
- 9.4. Any member facing removal shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Executive Committee to the general membership.
- 9.5. In the case of an appeal, a simple majority vote at a meeting of the general membership shall be required to sustain the revocation of membership.
- 9.6. Following a termination of membership, the member will be removed from the club's membership and will lose any privileges associated with being a member of the club.
- 9.7. Executive Committee members, except for the president, are subject to the same termination of membership process as general members.

10. Article Ten – Amendments

- 10.1. All constitutional amendments shall require a 2/3 majority vote to be passed at a general meeting.
- 10.2. All voting members may propose and vote on amendments to the constitution.
- 10.3. The Executive Committee shall submit the revised constitution to staff in the Division of Student Life at the University of Toronto within two (2) weeks.
- 10.4. Amendments to the constitution shall take effect only once the revised constitution has been approved by staff in the Division of Student Life at the University of Toronto.

11. Article eleven – Interpretation

- 11.1. The interpretation of the Constitution shall be the responsibility of the President.

- 11.2. Initial appeals to interpretation will be made to the Executive Committee.
- 11.3. Appeals may be made to the Executive Committee and subsequently, to the general members on the next general meeting.