

Constitution of “Chemical Biophysics Symposium”

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1. Article One – Name and Purpose

- 1.1. The official name of the recognized student group is “Chemical Biophysics Symposium”
- 1.2. The official acronym or abbreviation of the group is “CBP”
- 1.3. The purpose, objectives, mission and/or mandate of the organization is to organize and host a symposium where attendees present and discuss research and issues relating to science at the intersection of chemistry, biology, and/or physics. The symposium shall host keynote speakers from around the world and contributed presentations by graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and professors/principal investigators from the University of Toronto and other institutions in and outside of Canada. The symposium shall provide opportunities for poster presentations by any attendee, including undergraduate students, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and professors/principal investigators. Organization of the symposium shall be led by graduate students at the University of Toronto and assisted by students, post-doctoral fellows, and professors/principal investigators at the University of Toronto.

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 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. The membership fee will be \$0 per year.

3. Article Three – Rights of Members

- 3.1. All members (voting and non-voting) 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 unless otherwise stated.

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 three (3) voting members: the Chair, the Vice Chair, and the Treasurer.
- 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 on the Executive Committee, or as a financial authority, signing authority, primary contact, or secondary contact unless otherwise specified.
- 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 Chair shall:

- 5.1.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive or Organizing 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. Preside over meetings of the Executive Committee and/or members,
- 5.1.6. Ensure a transition of office from one year to the next.

5.2. The Vice Chair shall:

- 5.2.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.2.2. Assume duties of the Chair in their absence,
- 5.2.3. Ensure activities of the club comply with policies of the University of Toronto,
- 5.2.4. Coordinate organizational recruitment efforts.
- 5.2.5. Maintain a list of group members,
- 5.2.6. Maintain the member contact list,
- 5.2.7. Record notes and motions for meetings,

- 5.2.8. Notify all members of general meetings.
- 5.3. The Treasurer shall:
 - 5.3.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
 - 5.3.2. Record all financial transactions of the group,
 - 5.3.3. Hold signing and financial authority along with the Chair and Vice Chair,
 - 5.3.4. Maintain a budget of income and expenses,
 - 5.3.5. Advise members on financial position of the group,
 - 5.3.6. Prepare an annual budget for the group.

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 an unbiased 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 members must approve all expenditures over \$100.00 through a majority vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 7.4. All expenditures made directly from the CBP account using methods including, but not limited to, the CBP credit/debit card or CBP PayPal must be approved by the Executive Committee approval by a majority vote.
- 7.5. The group may not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature.
- 7.6. The group will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus chapter of a commercial organization.
- 7.7. The group will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the group.
- 7.8. The group will not pay salaries to any of its officers.
- 7.9. Misuse of CBP funds will lead to immediate removal of the offending person(s) from the organization, and loss of any current or future right to act as a voting or non-voting member of the organization.
- 7.10. Misuse of funds includes:

- 7.10.1. Expenditures made without required approval as outlined in sections 7.3 and 7.4,
- 7.10.2. Misuse as determined by the Faculty Advisor,
- 7.10.3. Misuse as determined by a two-thirds majority vote by the Executive Committee.
- 7.11. Persons removed from the organization due to financial abuse retain the right to attend the symposium as an attendee unless specifically barred.

8. Article Eight – Meetings

- 8.1. The Executive Committee shall meet bimonthly. 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 once per month 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 organization's membership and will lose any privileges associated with being a member of the club.
- 9.7. Executive Committee members 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 an Organizing Committee 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.