

Constitution of “Regenesis UTM”

Article I: Campus Group Name

The official name of this recognized campus group is “Regenesis UTM”. The acronym or abbreviation of this group is “Regenesis UTM”.

Article II: Purpose

Regenesis is an organization to aid and empower students to address environmental and social concerns through advocacy and local service. We will be outreaching, advocating and also holding events to get recognition. Our events will provide students and the communities low-cost services that help our planet be more sustainable.

Article III: Membership

Membership to the group is open to all the University of Toronto members (students, staff, faculty and alumni).

U of T members are permitted to run, nominate, and vote in elections and constitutional amendments. The group is open to non-U of T members. However, these members do not hold the aforementioned rights. Members must register with a designated executive by submitting their full name and a valid email address.

The membership fee will be \$0 per year.

Any member of the club may apply for a refund within one (1) month of becoming a member. No refunds are permitted 30 days after the election periods.

For recognition by the University of Toronto Mississauga Students’ Union (UTMSU), the group must maintain a minimum of 30 members, a total of 51% of membership are UTMSU members. The group must also maintain recognition from the Centre for Student Engagement. These requirements are subject to change and should be checked with UTMSU annually to ensure qualifications are met.

A voting member includes all UTMSU members (not just club members), and they can take part in any and all club elections.

Article IV: Executives

The executive committee shall be composed of at least eight (8) elected officers. The roles are listed and described as follows

1. Co-President (2) - Responsible for acting as the official representatives of the club. They assign duties to executives, provide support when necessary and facilitate group discussions after each event in order to improve future initiatives. They are also responsible for maintaining operations and ensuring everyone is doing their role.
2. Secretary - Responsible for managing emails on behalf of the club. They are also responsible for attending the bi-weekly meetings, in which they keep meeting minutes and take notes.
3. Treasurer - Responsible for managing finances and transactions the club makes, as well as updating the group on the financial position of the club. They are also responsible for submitting a financial report to the UTMSU.
4. VP Communications - The Vice President Communications is responsible for all communications and promotions of the group including tabling initiatives and creating engaging posts, stories, and content on the group's social media page. They also ensure all activities of the club agree with university policies and regulations.
5. VP Events (2) - Responsible for organizing events alongside other members, and is responsible for the decorations and added services of the event, as well as being present for the event duration as often as possible.
6. VP Outreach - The Vice President Outreach is responsible for generating a positive public impression by outreaching to communities and students, ensuring social media is up to date, and organizing outreach campaigns.
7. General Executive - Responsible for checking in on other executives to see if they need help. All around duties include helping with marketing, events, or financial work.

Article V: Meetings

Annual General Meetings (AGMs):

The Executive Committee will announce these dates two (2) weeks prior to holding the meetings. These meetings are intended to go over the group's annual activity plan, financial

health and propose or vote on constitutional amendments, if any. Motions will require 2/3 majority of registered members in attendance for a vote to be cast. The motion with the most votes will be passed.

Executive Meetings:

The executives will have bi weekly meetings. Furthermore, the executive committee shall 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.

Article VI: Elections

The executive committee shall strike the Elections Committee and appoint one (1) Chief Returning Officer (CRO) from the general members of the committee to conduct and hold elections in March. All members of the Elections Committee shall be unbiased in the results of the election and shall be required to disclose any and all conflicts of interest in the election.

The CRO shall accept nominations only from group members that are also registered U of T members (staff, faculty, students and alumni) for candidacy of executive positions 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 month prior to the nomination period.

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.

The CRO 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.

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 for an executive position, 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 shall count the ballots. The candidate with the most votes shall be elected to the position. The CRO shall submit a report of the results of the elections to the Executive Committee and general members.

Registered U of T members may not vote by proxy. Non-U of T members may not nominate or vote in elections. 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.

Terms of executive positions shall be from May 1st to April 30th.

Article VII: Removal from office

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, may be given notice of removal.

The member up for removal shall have the right to defend his/her actions.

A two-thirds majority vote of the current members present in favor of removal is required. The member must have the right to an appeal before the general membership, and the majority vote of the general membership will have the final say on the matter.

The member will be removed from the club's membership and will lose any privileges associated with being a member of the club.

Executive members are subject to the same termination or impeachment process and, as determined by the vote, may lose their executive position along with their membership to the group.

Article VIII: Amendments to the Constitution

Any registered U of T members may propose and vote on amendments to this constitution. The Executive Committee will administer the process of having amendments discussed at general meetings.

Constitutional amendments shall require a 2/3 majority to be passed at Annual General Meetings by registered U of T members in attendance.

The Executive Committee shall formally adopt the new constitution and submit the revised constitution to the respective University offices (i.e. Centre for Student Engagement, The University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union, etc) within two (2) weeks of its approval by general members.