

# **Constitution of “FaHoLo Christian Fellowship” of the WuXi Missional Community Ministry at the University of Toronto**

## **1. Article One – Name and Purpose**

1.1. The official name of the recognized student group is "FaHoLo Christian Fellowship." We are affiliated with WuXi Missional Community Ministry at the University of Toronto, which is a ministry that the WuXi Church in Canada supports.

1.2. The group's official acronym is FaHoLo.

1.3. The mandate of the organization is as follows:

1.3.1. To spread the absolute truth of Jesus Christ and him crucified to young university students in a society and culture where everything is relative.

1.3.2. To cultivate the lifestyle of missional living and live out faith in everyday life.

1.3.3. To help students reexamine the meaning of life from the perspective of faith, hope, and love, and to answer some ultimate questions such as why we need to live and what we are living for.

1.3.4. To provide a platform for dialogue between Christian faith and postmodern culture.

1.3.5. To equip young Christian leaders of the next generation to address the pressing questions people are asking in their community.

## **2. Article Two – Membership and Membership Fee**

2.1. FaHoLo Membership is open to all registered students at the University of Toronto. Staff, faculty, and alumni are subject to invitation. A minimum of five current students is required.

2.2. FaHoLo membership is not limited to Christians. We welcome students of different faiths or no faith to join.

2.3. Each member has the right to express and explore ideas that are relevant to the Christian faith, and social and economic issues.

2.4. Each member has the responsibility to uphold the values of FaHoLo, and contribute constructively to the activities organized by the organization.

2.5. FaHoLo fellowship promises to protect the privacy of all members. We secure membership information at all times and will not supply any data to third parties.

2.6. People are considered members if they have attended weekly gatherings at least 6 times in the past semester.

2.7. FaHoLo fellowship will not collect membership fees from each member each year.

### **3. Article Three – Rights of Members**

3.1. All members have a right to attend all general meetings of members.

3.2. All members have a right to cast votes at all general meetings of members.

3.3. All members have a right to stand for election unless otherwise stated in this document.

3.4. All members have a right to cast votes in all group elections and referenda.

3.5. All members have a right to propose and vote on amendments to this constitution.

### **4. Article Four – Executive Committee**

4.1. The term for all positions on the Executive Committee shall be from June 1 to May 30.

4.2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of at least three but not more than five members.

4.3. All Executive Committee members shall attend at least 75% of executive meetings.

4.4. All the Executive Committee members must be currently registered students of the University of Toronto.

4.5. 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.

4.6. No person receiving a salary or stipend from the organization may be a member of the executive.

### **5. Article Five – Executive Committee Composition and Duties**

5.1. The President shall:

5.1.1. To act as the official representative of the FaHoLo fellowship,

5.1.2. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee

5.1.3. Oversee the operations, management, and success of the group,

5.1.4. Serve as spokesperson for the group,

5.1.5. Hold signing and financial authority along with one of the at-large members,

5.1.6. Serve as the main contact in relation to larger external Christian mission organizations that work with the FaHoLo fellowship,

5.1.7. Ensure a transition of office from one year to the next.

5.1.8. To chair and plan all Executive and General Meetings,

5.1.9. To address all complaints and attacks against the FaHoLo activities and purpose.

5.2. The Vice-President shall:

5.2.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,

5.2.2. To act as the liaison between the Executive Committee and sub-committees (if applicable),

5.2.3. To promote relations between the FaHoLo fellowship and other Christian fellowships, student groups, and like organizations,

5.2.4. Ensure activities of the fellowship comply with the policies of the University of Toronto,

5.2.5. Coordinate organizational recruitment efforts,

5.2.6. Assume the duties of the President in their absence,

5.3. Members three to five shall:

5.3.1. To collaborate with Executive Committee members (mainly the President/Vice President) in preparation of an agenda for Executive Meetings,

5.3.2. To record the minutes and attendance of all Executive and General Meetings,

5.3.3. To maintain records of the particulars of all past and present members,

5.3.4. To prepare and respond to all correspondence,

5.3.5. To supervise and handle all financial transactions under the auspices of the President and Vice President,

5.3.6. To hold signing and financial authority along with the President,

5.3.7. To prepare a budget at the beginning of the summer, fall, and spring sessions,

5.3.8. To advise members on pertinent financial matters of the group, as needed.

## **Article Six – Elections**

6.1. The Executive Committee shall be elected between June 1st and June 30th, during an Annual General Meeting, whose date will be decided upon by the Executive Committee.

6.2. All voting members must be currently registered students at the University of Toronto and must be members of the FaHoLo.

6.3. All voting members have a single, equal vote in a closed ballot providing that they are present throughout the voting process. Note: All members of the Executive Committee must be present throughout the voting process.

6.4. The ballot counting shall be done by two neutral non-members to be selected by the Executive Committee and approved by the elections Annual General Meeting.

6.5. All voting group members shall be eligible to seek nomination to and cast a ballot for each voting position.

6.6. The nominee winning the plurality of votes cast in the election for each position shall be deemed the winner.

6.7. 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.

6.8. The voting procedures are as follows:

6.8.1. The President shall inform the audience at the Annual General Meeting of the procedures and duties before the commencement of the voting procedures.

6.8.2. Voting will be done in the order of Executive Positions in Article 5.

6.8.3. Each nominee will be provided with time to relate their message to the Annual General Meeting.

6.8.4. After all the nominees for one position have spoken, there will be a question period for the position.

6.8.5. In the case that there is only one nominee for a position, a majority vote will confirm their election to office. If no nominee is elected, members may be nominated for this position. If no nominee is elected, the voting will continue in another Annual General Meeting.

6.8.6. The counters will individually determine the ballot results twice and confirm them with each other prior to announcing to the Annual General Meeting a tie or confirmed election. The Meeting will not proceed to the next position until the preceding position has been filled.

6.8.7. In the case of a tie, there shall be a revote. If the revote leads to a tie, another revote will take place where the President will initially abstain from the vote, and will only be counted if a tie occurs.

6.9. The Executive Committee shall hold office for one term. Note: A term will begin on June 1st and end on May 31st of the following year.

## **7. Article Seven – Finances**

7.1. The FaHoLo fellowship's funding comes from the support of the WuXi church and the donations from members. The FaHoLo fellowship submits a budget to the WuXi church every June, and the WuXi church allocates funds as needed.

7.2. Donations to be receipted must be sent to WuXi church.

7.3. Every year at the end of May, the FaHoLo fellowship is responsible for finalizing the financial usage of the past year and submitting the financial report to WuXi church.

7.4. Given the purpose of the FaHoLo fellowship, any activities driven by commercial purposes should be avoided.

7.5. The group will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the FaHoLo fellowship.

7.6. All executive members are volunteers and do not receive any compensation.

## **8. Article Eight – Meetings**

### **8.1. Executive Meetings:**

8.1.1. The Executive Committee shall meet five times a year. A meeting will only be deemed to have been held if a majority of the Executive Committee is present.

8.1.2. In the first Executive Meeting, a member that has continued to serve in the Executive Committee from the previous year shall provide a thorough description of the previous academic year's team and their accomplishments.

8.1.3. All Executive Committee members shall have an equal vote at the Executive Committee meetings in all discussions.

### **8.2. General Meetings:**

8.2.1. General Meetings will hold the power to approve or disapprove any decision arrived at by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds vote.

8.2.2. A General Meeting will take place at the request of one-third of the voting members or at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

8.2.3. The President shall chair the General Meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall chair the General Meeting. In the absence of both the President and Vice President, the General Meeting may be governed by another Executive Committee member. In such circumstances, all resolutions must be passed by a two-thirds majority vote.

8.3. Annual General Meeting:

8.3.1. Following the completion of activities for the academic year by the Executive Committee, there must be an Annual General Meeting that serves to summarize the activity of the organization over the year, along with hosting the Executive Committee elections for the upcoming year.

8.3.2. The Executive Committee elections will be conducted as described in Article 6.

## **9. Article Nine – Termination of Membership**

9.1. If for any given reason, personal, professional, or otherwise, an Executive Committee member is unable to continue to perform their duties before the completion of the term, he or she will present a formal letter of resignation.

9.2. If the Executive Committee determines that an Executive Committee Member has failed to complete their duties as per Article 5, then the Executive Committee by a 75% majority vote may recommend to the General Meeting that said member be removed from the Executive Committee. The person will be allowed to provide a defence and will only be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of all voting members against the Executive member in question.

9.3. In the event of a resignation or removal a new Executive Committee Member shall be nominated to replace the former member following the procedures in Article 6, and the nominee shall become an official Executive Committee Member for the remainder of the Executive Committee's tenure following confirmation by a majority vote at a General Meeting.

9.4. The Executive Committee may revoke the membership of any member who commits an act negatively affecting the interests of the fellowship and its members, including non-disclosure of a significant or continuing conflict of interest.

9.5. A two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee is required to approve any motion to revoke membership.

9.6. Any member facing removal shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Executive Committee to the general membership.

9.7. 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.

## **10. Article Ten – Amendments**

10.1. Amendment of the Constitution may occur only by the agreement of at least 75% of all members, during a General Meeting on the condition that the motion is presented in writing and distributed during a previous General Meeting.

10.2. All 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.