



CONSTITUTION

of the

POLISH STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

At The University of Toronto's Mississauga Campus.

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Article I

Name

1.1 “The University of Toronto’s Mississauga Campus’ Polish Students’ Association ” is this association's formal English name.

1.2 The Organisation’s official Polish language name is “Związek Polskich Studentów na Uniwersytetu Toronto w Mississaudze.”

1.3 Other Acceptable Names for this Organisation Include: “The Polish Students’ Association,” “The UTM Polish Students’ Association” and “The Polish Students’ Association at UTM .”

1.4 The Official Acronym for this organisation is the UTMPSA.

1.5 Other Acceptable acronyms include: PSA and PSA UTM.

Article II

Language

2.1 The Co-Official languages of The University of Toronto’s Mississauga Campus’ Polish Students’ Association are Polish and English.

2.2 Members can use either co-official language in correspondence and during meetings.

Article III

Objectives

3.1 The objectives of The University of Toronto’s Mississauga Campus’ Polish Students’ Association are as follow:

3.1.1 To create a space for Polish students and students interested in Polish culture to meet and easily interact and discuss.

3.1.2 To promote the learning and use of the Polish language amongst students of Polish descent and other interested parties.

3.1.3 To promote interest in Polish culture and heritage amongst the UTM student body, as well as to provide means through which said interest can be expressed through social, cultural and academic events.

3.1.4 To promote the study and understanding of Poland’s geographical and cultural history.

3.2 The University of Toronto's Mississauga Campus' Polish Students' Association will be an entirely non-profit organisation.

Article IV

Membership

4.1 Membership is open to any students, faculty and alumni interested in the Polish language, culture and history.

4.1.1 Membership is also open to any students, faculty and alumni interested in cultures, languages and histories similar to, or intertwined with, that of Poland.

4.2 The term of membership will be from September 1st to August 31st yearly.

4.3 Members who are willing to pay a membership fee of no more than \$2 dollars yearly are entitled to vote on association policy and leadership.

4.4 Members have the following responsibilities while representing the Organization:

4.4.1 Support and uphold the purpose of the University of Toronto's Mississauga Campus' Polish Students' Association.

4.4.2 Contribute constructively and with decorum to organizational events and discussions.

4.4.3 Abide by the guidelines established in this constitution and in any subsequent official organizational documents or decrees published by the University of Toronto's Mississauga Campus Polish Students' Association.

4.5 Failure to abide by the responsibilities detailed in section 4.4 may result in the suspension or termination of membership at the discretion of the organisation's leadership.

Article V

Organisational Structure

5.1. The President of the University of Toronto's Mississauga Campus' Polish Students' Association is the chief executive officer of the Organisation. The President is responsible for general management of the Organisation, event coordination, and aiding the remaining officers wherever needed.

5.2.1 The President will be elected during a general Election at the beginning of each membership term.

5.2.2 Should the President be incapacitated or unable to perform his or her duties, the General Secretary assumes the role of acting President.

5.2.3 Should the President resign, or be permanently unable to perform his or her duties (for the remainder of his or her term)

5.2 The General Secretary of the University of Toronto's Mississauga Campus' Polish Students' Association is the Secondary officer of the organisation the General Secretary is responsible for managing Human Resources, membership and internal Affairs.

5.2.1 This position is appointed by the President upon his or her election and assumption of the Presidency.

5.2.2 Should the General Secretary resign or is otherwise unable to perform his or her duties, the President may appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the Semester.

5.3 The Treasurer of the University of Toronto's Mississauga Campus' Polish Students' Association is responsible for finances, collecting membership fees, and reporting financial status to the President and General Secretary. This is an elected Position.

5.3.1 This position is to be elected at the beginning of each semester.

5.3.2 Should the Treasurer resign or is otherwise unable to perform his or her duties, the President may appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the Semester.

5.4 The Press Secretary of the University of Toronto's Mississauga Campus' Polish Students' Association is the officer for coordinating official organisation statements and social media outreach.

5.4.1 This position is to be elected at the beginning of each semester.

5.4.2 Should the Press Secretary resign or is otherwise unable to perform his or her duties, the President may appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the Semester.

5.5 Together, the positions detailed in sections 5.1-5.4 make up the Executive Council, henceforth known as the Rada.

5.5.1 The Rada is headed by the President.

5.5.2 The Rada will be responsible for acting as the organisation's leader and organising association meetings and general assemblies.

Article VI

Elections and Voting

6.1. All elections and votes must be conducted in person* during the General Assemblies, henceforth called Sejmiks. Election days will be chosen based on the discretion of the Incumbent president.

***6.1.1** Exceptions can be made for members suffering from illness, and are not available on election day on a case-by-case basis.

6.2. Members who have paid their membership fees prior to election days are entitled to vote at the beginning of each semester for the positions of Treasurer and Press Secretary.

6.2.1 Any paying members are entitled to compete for these Positions.

6.3. Members who have paid their membership fees prior to election days are entitled to vote at the beginning of each membership year for the President.

6.3.1 Any paying members who have been a member of the organization for at least 6 months* are entitled to compete for the position of President.

***6.3.1.1** This requirement is waived for members who joined the association before January 1st of 2025.

6.4 All elections are decided by a simple majority,

6.5 Paying members are entitled to vote on policies and policy changes as well as changes to this document.

6.5.5 No amendment to this document can be made without a majority of members, equalling to 80% of total voters, voting in favour.

6.5.6 The Rada council can change the constitution at will (to be removed after the group is stabilised)