



The Constitution of the

“University of Toronto Mississauga Conservative Club”

As Amended on January 7th, 2025

1. Name

- a. The official name of this recognized campus group is **“University of Toronto Mississauga Conservative Club”**
- b. The acronym or abbreviation of this group is: **UTMCC**

2. Purpose and Objectives

- a. The objectives of the “UTMCC” recognized campus group are as follows:
 - i. Offer students the opportunity to connect with fellow conservative students.
 - ii. Provide students access to conservative representatives and leaders.
 - iii. To protect freedom of speech for all individuals on campus.
 - iv. To prevent the “politically correct” suppression of values that differ from the liberal status quo.
 - v. An individual holding membership or acting on behalf of the group is not to engage politically in a harmful way towards a fellow UTM students.
 1. An individual holding membership or acting on behalf of the group may not judge another individual’s political beliefs or personal convictions.
 2. Any member engaging in harassment, or political persecution against another individual, sacrifices the privilege of membership.
 3. Harassment is defined by UTMCC as aggressive pressure or intimidation of an individual.
 - vi. Political persecution is defined by UTMCC as physical, mental, and/or cyberattacks against an individual caused and/or in retaliation for their political views.
 - vii. To help individual members explore their values and beliefs in contrast to the values and beliefs of other members of the community.
 - viii. To follow the current Canadian Progressive Conservative ideology and guiding principles.
 1. Club ideologies are in accordance with appropriate Canadian Conservative policies.

- ix. UTMCC will strive to provide the conservative community on campus with access to connect with political leaders and members of the conservative party, at the federal and provincial level.
- x. UTMCC must help keep its membership holders vigilant, regarding world events, political campaigns, and emerging views within the conservative ideology, and the contrasting ideologies of the left.
- xi. UTMCC will contribute to the campaigns of local federal and provincial Conservative candidates.
 - 1. Students will be provided with the opportunity to volunteer and gain valuable campaign experience.

3. Membership

- a. Membership to UTM-CC is open to all University of Toronto members (Students, faculty, staff and alumni) as well as members of the community.
 - i. Membership is conferred upon an individual's explicit consent for their student email address and name to be recorded and incorporated into an official mailing list.
 - ii. Membership may alternatively be established through the individual's formal consent to be included in a WhatsApp group chat or another designated medium of communication, as per their preference.
- b. Executive roles within the UTMCC are limited to members of the U of T community who have been assigned their roles in accordance with the framework set out in section 5.

4. Executive Roles and Responsibilities

- a. **The President(s)**
 - i. To be the spokesperson(s) on behalf of the group.
 - ii. Responsible for overseeing the appointment of executives.
 - iii. To oversee the day-to-day operation of the group, and work towards achieving the overarching objectives that embody UTMCC's mission.
 - iv. Preside over the rest of the executive slate to ensure effective practices and efficiency within the club's administration.
 - v. Facilitate and organize executive and general member meetings.
 - vi. Ensure transition of office to future executives.
 - vii. Hold signing authority along with whoever is responsible with the financial account, whether that be the VP or a designated associate.
- b. **The Vice President(s)**
 - i. Assume the duties of the President(s) in his/her absence or resignation.
 - ii. Work in accordance with the President(s) to help achieve the club's overarching objectives.
 - iii. Ensure all activities of the club meet UofT regulations and policies.

- iv. Coordinate organizational recruitment efforts and facilitate the promotion of the club on the campus and various social media platforms.

c. The Associates

- i. The roles and responsibilities of associates within the UTM Campus Club (UTMCC) will be determined based on the guidance and discretion of the President(s) and Vice President(s).
 - 1. This flexible approach allows each executive team to tailor the positions of associates in alignment with their strategic priorities and initiatives.
 - 2. By granting the executive slate this freedom, the organization fosters adaptability and innovation, ensuring that the structure and distribution of responsibilities remain dynamic and suited to achieving UTMCC's evolving goals.
 - 3. This also provides opportunities to address unique challenges, optimize team efficiency, and leverage the strengths of individual associates based on the current leadership's vision.

5. Appointment of Positions

- a. Presidential and Vice-Presidential Appointments
 - i. Upon the conclusion of the current President's term, the outgoing President, who must be graduating and no longer eligible to hold executive office, shall appoint their successor as the incoming President.
 - ii. The outgoing President shall also appoint the incoming Vice President in consultation with the incoming President to ensure alignment in vision and leadership for the club.
 - iii. These appointments shall be made with consideration of the candidates' commitment to the club's mission and their capacity to lead effectively.
- b. Selection of Other Executive Positions
 - i. All other executive positions within the UTM Conservative Club shall be filled through an interview process conducted by the President.
 - ii. The President, with input from the Vice President as needed, will evaluate candidates based on their qualifications, dedication to the club, and their ability to fulfill the responsibilities of the respective roles.
 - iii. The interviews shall be conducted in a transparent and equitable manner to uphold the integrity of the selection process.
- c. Term and Transition
 - i. Executive members shall serve for the duration of one academic year, or until a successor is duly appointed or selected.

- ii. The outgoing President shall ensure a smooth transition by facilitating proper handover procedures, including providing guidance to the incoming President and Vice President as necessary.
- d. Eligibility Criteria
 - i. All candidates for executive positions must be active members of the UTM Conservative Club in good standing and must demonstrate a commitment to the values and objectives of the club.

6. Finances

- a. The individual responsible for managing the club's financial expenditures shall keep records of all income and expenses.
- b. The club's finances should be transparent and shared with the rest of the executive on a bi-weekly basis.
- c. UTMCC's executive or members may not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature. This is not intended to preclude the collection of membership fees to cover the expenses of the group, or of charges for specific activities, programs or events, or to prohibit groups from engaging in legitimate fundraising. However, the group will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus part of a commercial organization, will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the organization, and will not pay salaries to some or all its officers.

7. Meetings

- a. General Assembly Meetings
 - i. The UTM-CC will host general assembly meetings when the executive members feel the totality of the group is needed to discuss, the immediate or long-term future of the group, upcoming events or fundraising, and the removal of a member.
 - 1. General assembly meetings can also be called to hold discourse on the current political environment, and/or social and economic issues facing the conservative and right-wing communities and/or humanity.
 - ii. The general member(s) can make a request to the executive members to hold a general assembly meeting if they feel one of the criteria for summoning a meeting has been fulfilled and the executives have failed to host the meeting.
 - 1. The executive team must review all requests for a general assembly and provide a response to why a request to assembly is being denied or start the process by which the meeting will be hosted.
 - 2. In addition to the reasons for a general assembly meeting to be summoned, the UTM-CC will host one (1) general assembly meeting in both semesters. The executive team must notify the

general membership of the location, time and date, at least two weeks in advance.

- b. Executive Meetings
 - i. The executives are recommended to meet weekly, where date and times are to be set by a collective agreement.

8. Amendments

- a. Any UTMCC member, who is also a member of the U of T community, considered a member in good standing has the right to propose a constitutional amendment after first obtaining a petition with no less than 5 signatures of UTM-CC members of the U of T community who are considered members in good standing. Constitutional amendments shall require a 2/3 majority to be passed at Annual General Meetings by registered U of T members in attendance.
- b. Constitutional amendments shall require a 2/3 majority to be passed at Annual General Meetings by registered UTMCC members of the U of T community.
- c. If the General Membership fails to obtain the two-thirds majority needed to make a constitutional amendment, then said amendment shall not pass.
- d. The Executive Committee shall formally adopt the new constitution and submit the revised constitution to the relevant University offices (i.e. The Office of Student Life) within two (2) weeks of its approval by general members.

9. Residual Powers

- a. Any powers not otherwise distributed or mentioned in this constitution will automatically be given to the President in the interest of the club's peace order and good governance.