

## **Constitution of Sociology Students' Association**

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### **Article I: Name and Purpose**

1.1 The official name of the Campus Group will be **Sociology Students' Association of University of Toronto Scarborough**

1.2 The campus group may be referred to by the acronym **SSA**

1.3 The purpose, objectives, mission and/or mandate of the organization is to:

1.3.1 Foster an enriched collective experience among Sociology students at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus;

1.3.2 Serve as a comprehensive academic resource for Sociology students in the following way:

1.3.2.1 Serve to advocate and advise Sociology students who require educational guidance and assistance;

1.3.2.2 Encourage and provide opportunities for interaction between Sociology Students and the faculty of Sociology;

1.3.2.3 Work in collaboration with the faculty of Sociology to achieve ongoing growth and improvement of Sociology courses and the development of the Sociology program;

1.3.2.4 Provide academic assistance to students including but not limited to forming study groups and essay editing services;

1.3.3 Work with faculty and students of the Department of Sociology to research, develop, and promote work and volunteer opportunities for students;

1.3.4 Provide a platform for Sociology students at the University of Toronto at Scarborough to relay their concerns to the administration, faculty and/or other organizations at the university where appropriate;

1.3.5 Provide opportunities for students to interact with each other in a friendly and safe

environment;

1.3.6 Build and connect the Sociology community by engaging students, faculty, staff and alumni through the creation of events and academic resources;

1.3.7 Operate as an independent entity working with the University of Toronto Scarborough community while adhering to the values and policies of the University;

## **Article II: Membership**

2.1 Any full-time and part-time student enrolled in a Sociology Subject POST at the University of Toronto Scarborough,

2.2 Any full-time and part-time student in first year who is currently enrolled in the Introduction to Sociology course, SOCA03Y3Y at the University of Toronto Scarborough,

2.3 Any upper-year full-time and part-time student (where upper-year is defined as having more than a minimum of 4.0 credits after one full academic year) who has completed or is currently enrolled in a Sociology class at UTSC for the present Academic year is automatically a voting member of SSA.

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.

## **Article III: Rights of Members**

3.1 All members may apply for a full refund of their membership fee within one (1) month of becoming a member.

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

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

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

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

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

The rights prescribed in Article Three are not awarded to non-voting members as described in Article Two.

## **Article IV: 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 **5 (five)** voting members.

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 as an officer, financial authority, signing authority, primary contact, or secondary contact.

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.

4.8 The Executive may appoint Directors or Coordinators for various committees who do not hold executive decision-making authority and are not eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee.

#### **Article V: Elections**

5.1 All voting positions on the Executive Committee shall be filled through an annual election.

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

5.3 All non-voting group members shall be eligible to seek nomination only for non-voting positions on the Executive Committee.

5.4 Non-voting group members shall not be eligible to cast a ballot for any elected position.

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

5.6 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.

5.7 The elections must be held in a nonbiased manner. No individual who is seeking election may participate in planning or administering the election.

5.8 For all unfilled positions, the remaining officers will share the duties and responsibilities until someone can be found to fulfill the positions(s) through a by-election and vote of simple majority (50% + 1)

#### **Article VI: Termination of Membership**

6.1 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.

6.2 A vote to revoke membership must be held at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

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

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

6.5 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.

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

6.7 Executive Committee members are subject to the same termination of membership process as general members.

### **Article VII – Amendments**

7.1 All constitutional amendments shall require a 2/3 majority vote to be passed at a general meeting.

7.2 All voting members may propose and vote on amendments to the constitution.

7.3 The Executive Committee shall submit the revised constitution to staff in the Student Life programs office at the University of Toronto Scarborough within two (2) weeks.

7.4 Amendments to the constitution shall take effect only once the revised constitution has been approved by staff in the Student Life programs office at the University of Toronto Scarborough.