

Constitution of UTSC Global Affairs Student Association (GASA)

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Article I: Name and Purpose

1.1 The official name of the Departmental Student Association will be **UTSC Global Affairs Student Association (GASA)**.

1.2 The association may be referred to by the acronym **GASA**.

1.3 The purpose, objectives, mission, and mandate of the organization are to **promote experiential learning in international relations, diplomacy, and global health through participation in Model WHO, Advanced Training Programs, and related global initiatives in partnership with WFUNA and similar organizations. GASA aims to foster global leadership, policy skills, and cross-cultural collaboration among UTSC students.**

Article II: Membership

2.1 The association shall maintain a list of group members.

2.2 Voting membership is open to all registered students of the University of Toronto.

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2.4 Non-voting membership is open to University of Toronto staff, faculty, alumni, and 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 (if applicable).

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

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

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

3.5 All voting members have the right to cast votes in all association elections and referenda.

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

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

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 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 percent (10%) of the positions on the Executive Committee, whichever is greater.

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 association 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 Committee 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 position(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 association who commits an act negatively affecting the interests of the association 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 association's membership list and will lose any privileges associated with being a member.

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 two-thirds (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.