

# **Constitution of Volenti Vox**

## **UTSC Constitution**

### **Article I:**

1.1 The official name of the Campus Group will be Volenti Vox.

1.2 The campus group may be referred to by the acronym VV

1.3 The purpose, objectives, mission and/or mandate of the organization is to  
Volenti Vox is a student-led initiative dedicated to exploring, analyzing, and publishing critical issues at the intersection of gender and the law. Our mission is to:

Provide a platform for diverse voices to advocate for legal equity.

Document the evolving landscape of women's rights and issues impacting gender minorities.

Foster academic discussion on legal challenges facing women and marginalized genders.

Inspire future leaders in the pursuit of justice and gender equality.

Journals are published every two months.

Each issue will include original articles, legal commentary, case analysis, and interviews or features.

Contributions are accepted from members and select invited guests.

### **Article II: Membership**

2.1 The group shall maintain a list of group members.

2.2 Non-voting membership is open to all registered students of the University of Toronto.

2.3 Voting membership is open only to executive members that are registered students of the University of Toronto.

2.4 Non-voting membership is open to University of Toronto 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 members have a right to attend all general meetings of members.

3.3 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 composed of at least two executive voting members.

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

4.4 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.

4.5 The Executive Committee must include at least three officers:

- President(s)
  - Lead and represent the club.
  - Select new members.
  - Oversee journal production and event planning.
  - Serve as a signing authority.
  - Liaise with university departments and guest speakers.

- Managing Editor
  - Coordinate journal publication.
  - Assign editorial tasks and oversee timelines.
  - Work with contributors to ensure quality and relevance.
  - Assist the President in membership selection.
- Secretary
  - Maintain club records and member lists.
  - Record meeting minutes.
  - Coordinate communications, including email and scheduling.
- Optional Roles:
  - Outreach Coordinator: Manages promotion, social media, and events.
  - Research Lead: Oversees legal research and fact-checking.

## **Article V: Elections**

5.1 All voting positions on the Executive Committee shall be filled through an annual application and review process held by the presidents.

5.2 The application process must be held in an unbiased manner.

5.3 For all unfilled positions, the remaining officers will share the duties and responsibilities until someone can be found to fulfill the positions(s) through an application process

## **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 an executive meeting.

7.2 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.

7.3 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.

## **Article IX - Meetings**

8.1 General Meetings will be held at least once per term.

8.2 The executive team will announce general meetings at least two weeks before the meeting takes place. These meetings will outline club expectations, term goals, potential constitutional amendments, and allow executive members to provide feedback to general members and publications.

8.3 Executive Meetings will be held monthly or as needed. Quorum for decisions requires 50% + 1 of the executive members.