



Environmental and Physical Sciences Students' Association

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Constitution of Environmental and Physical Sciences Students' Association

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Article I: Name and Purpose

1.1 The official name of the Campus Group will be Environmental and Physical Sciences Students' Association

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

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

- 1.3.1 To foster a collective vision and purpose among all program students in physical and environmental sciences at the University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC).
- 1.3.2 To serve as a comprehensive resource for students in physical and environmental sciences who need assistance and guidance with their education.
- 1.3.3 To encourage interaction and the exchange of ideas between students and faculty in the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences (DPES) and to work with the Department in order to facilitate long-term growth and improvement.
- 1.3.4 To act as a voice for all students in physical and environmental sciences at U of T Scarborough, addressing and relaying their concerns to the administration, faculty, and other student organizations where and when appropriate.
- 1.3.5 The EPSA fundamentally serves a non-profit function within the University of Toronto Scarborough, and will not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature.
- 1.3.6 The EPSA operates as an independent entity working within the University of Toronto Scarborough community, subject to the values and policies of the University.

Article II: Membership

2.1 The group shall maintain a list of group members.

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

2.3 Voting membership is open only to registered students of the University of Toronto.

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 \$5 one-time payment.



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 27 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.



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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.

Article VIII: Executive Positions

8.1 Presidents (2)– ELECTED

- Oversee and manage the organization, maintain the integrity of the association, and ensure all events and functions are in line with the mission and values of the association.
- Act as official representative of the association in formal business; act as liaison with other Departmental Student Associations, SCSU, Department of Student Life and other campus clubs.
- Serve as official signing officer of the association.



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- Hold monthly team meetings and senior executive meetings
- Oversee the financial and organizational stability of the association.
- Must maintain open communication (i.e. in person, by email, etc.) with executives and general members and informing them of important updates
- Call to order and coordinate executive, general and/or emergency meetings, in accordance with Articles 13, 14 and 15.
- Ensure that other executive members are rightfully fulfilling their assigned duties and responsibilities
- Fulfill the responsibilities of any vacant executive position or else ensure they are being fulfilled by another party.
- Enable the transition and continuity of the association from year to year.

8.2 Subcommittee: Marketing and Communications

8.2.1 Vice President of Marketing & Communications – ELECTED

- Hold frequent subcommittee meetings; at least on a monthly basis
- Oversee the work of the webmaster, two first- year representatives, videographer, and the two graphic designers/ social media assistant and content creator
- Send out emails to general members regarding upcoming events
- Responsible for marketing EPSA events using all possible media (posters, class announcements, intranet announcements, Facebook, Twitter, etc...)
- Create announcement schedules for EPSA executives based on the office hour schedule for EACH event
- Create a marketing timeline for EACH event; must show this to the other senior execs several days before each event
- Email SCSU prior to EVERY event to upload poster onto the TV screens; ask for them to put our poster on their bulletin boards if appropriate
- Coordinate between senior execs requesting posters and the graphic designers making the poster
- Ensure that the website is being updated WEEKLY, prior to ANY event
- Responsible for creating and developing new marketing strategies for EPSA and all of its events so as to reach out to the largest number of current and potential members
- Ensure that other executive members are helping market events; encourage them when appropriate
- Maintain internal communications within the association and serve as a point of contact with external organizations including other Departmental Student Associations (DSAs), SCSU and other campus clubs Maintain a list of general members and ensure all members are informed of on or off-campus events and activities, especially those hosted by EPSA
- Ensure that public information regarding the association is kept up to date, including contact lists, website, etc.
- Train First-Year Representatives and guide them towards finding strengths and specialties to fulfill their future roles
- Manage EPSA membership list for the most recent 4 years including current year.

8.2.2 First Year Representatives (3) – ELECTED

- Serve as liaisons with the executive for all first-year students in the department.
- Communicate association news and events to all first-year students, with in-class announcements and posters



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- Identify concerns relevant to first year students and bring them to the attention of appropriate figures within the association.
- Responsible for creating their own first year event with help from the executive team

8.2.3 Graphic Designers (2) – HIRED

- Designing posters for academic and social events held by the association
- Must upload finished work in a folder in the Google Drive for easy access
- The graphic designer will work closely with the Vice President of Marketing & Communications for deadlines and revisions associated with the poster-making process

8.2.4 Social Media Manager – HIRED

- Will post finished posters on Instagram and Facebook; if unavailable to do so the VP of Marketing & Communications will post
- Will relay questions and concerns from any of our platforms to VP of Marketing & Communications.
- Assist with marketing EPSA's promotions and events via social media.
- Shall work in collaboration with the Webmaster in regard to marketing/uploading event pictures.
- Shall formulate unique approaches to keeping social media streams active with new initiatives and content.
- Shall serve to increase followers of EPSA on all social media channels

8.2.5 Webmaster – HIRED

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Marketing & Communications
- Developing, maintaining and updating the association's website
- Respond to emails from students received from the website
- Work closely with the Vice President of Operations and Marketing and Communications to ensure that all of the association's news and announcements relating to events, executive profiles, resources, aid centers and more were updated on the website
- Update the website on a weekly basis
- Also responsible for coordinating with the DPES Newsletter to provide updates from EPSA.
- Make announcements in the EPSA discord in relation to academic events

8.2.6 Videographer & Photographer – HIRED

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Marketing & Communications
- Responsible for taking pictures and video clips during any EPSA event
- Responsible for promptly uploading and sending those photos to the team Drive and VP of Marketing and Communications
- Responsible for creating promotional videos for EPSA, or any EPSA related events for Social media

8.2.7 Content Creator – HIRED

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Marketing & Communications
- Responsible for creating and editing videos (TikTok's, Instagram reels, etc.) to boost marketing and engagement on social media.



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- Work in collaboration with other clubs and Social Media Assistant to market EPSA events and initiatives.
- Should be familiar with using various social media platforms and be able to track current trends on these platform

8.3 Subcommittee: Finance

8.3.1 Vice President of Finances – ELECTED

- Oversee the operations and resources of the association.
- Serve as a secondary signing officer.
- Work closely with and assist the President with EPSA's financial obligations.
- Pay close attention to funding deadlines from major funding sources (DSL, SCSU, and occasionally UTSC).
- Draft funding proposals and applications with the help of the President.
- Responsible for creating financial statements on a quarterly basis.
- Projects EPSA budget and predict allowance for each event in the year.
- Keep track of transactions and status of both accounts (BMO and DPES).
- Ensure that all financial aspects (daily cash box balance, sales, and inventory) of the association is updated and properly coordinated as outlined with the President.
- Should be able to present proper financial reports and statements by request of any senior executive and/or other executive members.
- Organize and issue executive reimbursements with coordination from the President.
- Serve as Acting President in the event that the office of the President and the Vice President Operations are vacant or both executives are otherwise unable to serve
- Is considered a senior executive and must fulfill the further requirement of having one (1) year experience as an executive.

8.3.2 Financial Manager – HIRED

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Finance.
- Shall research external funding sources by means of corporate and on-campus sponsorship opportunities.
- Shall prepare a tiered-system sponsorship package, to be utilized in securing sponsorship contracts with corporations and organizations.
- Shall work closely with the Vice President Finances in communicating sponsorship packages, contracts, and revenue.
- Shall draft post-event summaries and aid in the formulation of funding proposals and applications with the Vice President Finances.

8.4 Subcommittee: Operations

8.4.1 Vice President of Operations – ELECTED

- Oversee the operations and resources of the association.
- Serve as a secondary signing officer.
- Coordinate logistics and ensure all senior executives have the resources necessary to conduct their business (e.g. booking rooms via DSL/SCSU, etc.).
- Serve as President in the event that either the office of President is vacant, or the President is otherwise unable to serve.



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- Is responsible for the hiring and supervision of the positions of: Events Coordinators and Outreach Coordinator
- Sort file documents, organize Google documents, and create spreadsheets and instruction sheets for events.
- Ensure that the EPSA office is an effective tool for serving the mandate of the EPSA. This shall include, but not be limited to: scheduling executive office hours; managing the inventory and maintenance of the office equipment and furniture; the maintenance of the office communications, i.e. whiteboards and notices.
- Responsible for coordinating team social events & team clothing
- Remind all executives of their respective responsibilities with regards to deadlines, event set-up/clean-up, internal/external meeting attendance, and announcements.
- Responsible for developing a master timeline that incorporates all events and important dates, as well as a master calendar for all DPES courses/exams time slots and other major events to avoid scheduling EPSA initiatives in unfavorable times.
- Is considered a senior executive and must fulfill the further requirement of having one (1) year experience as an executive.

8.4.2 Event Directors (3) – HIRED

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Operations.
- Coordinate or assist in the coordination of social and interest events that are nonacademic and which enhance the experience of the EPSA members. This may include, but not be limited to: sporting or leisure events; pubs and social nights; mix and mingles.
- Responsible for the planning and logistics of events, including the contact of external parties such as caterers, resorts, venue staff members, and technicians etc.
- Put together instruction sheets for event execution and record all necessary feedback and points of improvement for future events

8.4.3 Outreach Coordinator – HIRED

- Shall implement and mobilize physical modes of marketing through posters, banners and distribution of mobile marketing (mini flyers, coupons, etc.).
- Responsible for recruitment of volunteers as needed for any events held by EPSA.
- Coordinate the volunteer network program, recording the activities and number of hours each volunteer contributes and facilitating with rewarding or thanking those who contribute to the community through EPSA
- Shall be representative of EPSA for any external school groups.

8.5 Subcommittee: Academics

8.5.1 Vice President of Academics – ELECTED

- Encourage and actively participate in discourse among students in Physical and Environmental Sciences regarding their concerns and perspectives with respect to their education and academic programming
- Effectively communicate concerns and ideas raised among students in Physical and Environmental Sciences to the administration, faculty, or other student organizations as appropriate, and work to address those concerns in a proactive and constructive way.
- Foster an awareness of students' academic rights and entitlements among students in Physical and Environmental Sciences.



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- Serve as a point of referral for students in Physical and Environmental Sciences, directing them to other resources and services as may be most appropriate to their academic needs.
- Is responsible for the supervision of the discipline directors (3) (Chemistry, Environmental Sciences and Physics); these reps in turn are responsible for reporting to the Vice-President Academics
- Ensuring constant communication between the discipline reps and their respective DPES professors for their courses
- Ensure with the discipline directors that the Physics Aid Centre and Chemistry Aid Centre are fully operational for the entirety of the year
- Hold frequent subcommittee meetings; at least on a monthly basis

8.5.2 Physics/Astrophysics Director – HIRED (With Nomination from Professor)

- Will work closely with the Vice President of Academics
- Serve as liaisons with the executive for all students in physics and astrophysics, and play a vital role in identifying academic and career-related tools pertaining to physics and astrophysics
- Informs physics and astrophysics students of resources and services that will help prepare them for graduate programs and work opportunities via classroom announcements and Quercus
- Identify concerns from physics courses and bring them to the attention of appropriate figures within the association.
- Responsible for coordinating and maintaining the Physics Aid Centre, and overseeing the Telescope Group
- Responsible for handling various faculty outreach events, such as but not limited to: campus open houses, Choose Your Program Week, and high school class visits.
- Work in coordination with both students and faculty members to identify areas for EPSA to improve in terms of Physics & Astrophysics representation, events, resources and to implement these (within reason)

8.5.3 Environmental Science Director – HIRED (With Nomination from Professor)

- Will work closely with the Vice President of Academics
- Informs environmental science students of resources and services that will help prepare them for graduate programs and work opportunities via classroom announcements, Quercus and e-mails
- Maintain and update the EPSA job posting folder through postings recommended by faculty members for all disciplines
- Will plan and put on an APGO information seminar in the fall semester, Earth Ring order and Ceremony (in collaboration with UESA and JTWCU) during second semester
- Will assist in planning professional seminars, career panels and information sessions regarding other undergraduate and graduate program options (such as the various combined degree programs) related to environmental sciences
- Attends Environmental Science professor candidate presentations, and conducts the student let interview with candidates
- Responsible for handling various faculty outreach events, such as but not limited to: campus open houses, Choose Your Program Week, and high school class visits.
- Work in coordination with both students and faculty members to identify areas for EPSA to improve



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8.5.4 Chemistry/Biochemistry Director – HIRED (With Nomination from Professor)

- Will work closely with the Vice President of Academics
- Serve as liaisons with the executive for all students in chemistry, and play a vital role in identifying academic and career-related tools pertaining to the field of chemistry
- Informs chemistry students of resources and services that will help prepare them for graduate programs and work opportunities via classroom announcements and Quercus
- Identify concerns from chemistry courses and bring them to the attention of appropriate figures within the association.
- Responsible for coordinating the Chemistry Aid Centre, providing updates to the VP Academics when required
- Will assist in planning professional seminars, career panels and information sessions regarding other undergraduate and graduate program options (such as the various combined degree programs) related to chemistry and biochemistry
- Responsible for handling various faculty outreach events, such as but not limited to: campus open houses, Choose Your Program Week, and high school class visits.
- Work in coordination with both students and faculty members to identify areas for EPSA to improve in terms of Chemistry/Biochemistry representation, events, resources and to implement these (within reason)

8.5.4 Environmental Studies Director – HIRED (With Nomination from Professor)

- Will work closely with the Vice President of Academics
- Serve as liaisons with the executive for all students in chemistry, and play a vital role in identifying academic and career-related tools pertaining to the field of Environmental Studies
- Informs Environmental studies students of resources and services that will help prepare them for graduate programs and work opportunities via classroom announcements and Quercus
- Identify concerns from Environmental studies courses and bring them to the attention of appropriate figures within the association.
- Responsible for coordinating with UTERN UTSC, providing updates to the VP Academics when required
- Will assist in planning professional seminars, career panels and information sessions regarding other undergraduate and graduate program options (such as the various combined degree programs) related to Environmental Studies
- Responsible for handling various faculty outreach events, such as but not limited to: campus open houses, Choose Your Program Week, and high school class visits.
- Work in coordination with both students and faculty members to identify areas for EPSA to improve in terms of Environmental studies representation, events, resources and to implement these (within reason)

8.5.6 Geoscience Studies Director – HIRED (With Nomination from Professor)

- Will work closely with the Vice President of Academic
- Serve as liaisons with the executive for all students in chemistry, and play a vital role



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in identifying academic and career-related tools pertaining to the field of Geoscience

- Informs Geoscience students of resources and services that will help prepare them for graduate programs and work opportunities via classroom announcements and Quercus
- Identify concerns from Geoscience courses and bring them to the attention of appropriate figures within the association.
- Responsible for coordinating with Geoscience clubs, providing updates to the VP Academics when required
- Will assist in planning professional seminars, career panels and information sessions regarding other undergraduate and graduate program options (such as the various combined degree programs) related to Geoscience
- Will plan and put on an APGO information seminar in the fall semester
- Responsible for handling various faculty outreach events, such as but not limited to: campus open houses, Choose Your Program Week, and high school class visits.
- Work in coordination with both students and faculty members to identify areas for EPSA to improve in terms of geoscience representation, events, resources and to implement these (within reason)

8.5.7 Food Studies Director – HIRED (With Nomination from Professor)

- Will work closely with the Vice President of Academic
- Serve as liaisons with the executive for all students in Food Studies, and play a vital role in identifying academic and career-related tools pertaining to the field of Food Studies
- Informs Food Studies students of resources and services that will help prepare them for graduate programs and work opportunities via classroom announcements and Quercus
- Identify concerns from Food Studies courses and bring them to the attention of appropriate figures within the association.
- Responsible for coordinating with Food Studies clubs, providing updates to the VP Academics when required
- Will assist in planning professional seminars, career panels and information sessions regarding other undergraduate and graduate program options (such as the various combined degree programs) related to Food Studies
- Responsible for handling various faculty outreach events, such as but not limited to: campus open houses, Choose Your Program Week, and high school class visits.
- Work in coordination with both students and faculty members to identify areas for EPSA to improve in terms of Food Studies representation, events, resources and to implement these (within reason)

8.5.8 Aid-Centres Coordinator – HIRED

- Will work closely with the Vice President of Academics.,
- Support the operations of the Chemistry Aid Centre, Physics Aid Centre, and Environmental Science Aid Centre.
- Conduct in-class announcements and organize informational tabling for the promotion of review sessions and other academic initiatives undertaken by the organization.,
- Provide as-needed support to the Chemistry Director, Physics Director, and Environmental Science Director with their respective Aid Centre.,
- Utilize surveys to gather student feedback regarding their experience with the 3 Aid Centres.



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Article IX: Faculty Advisor(s)

- Members of faculty from the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences are eligible to serve in the role of Faculty Advisors within EPSA under the following terms:
 - A member of faculty may be proposed for this role either through self-nomination or at the suggestion of any member of the executive.
 - Confirmation in the role of faculty advisor shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the executive.
 - This position is non-exclusive and therefore multiple advisors are possible.
 - A faculty advisor shall be considered an honorary executive of the association but will not have voting rights.

Article X: Determination of Executive/Elections

- Each academic year, elections for the position of President, Vice President of Academics, Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, and Vice President of Finance will take place. All current executive members are eligible to run for election to fill these positions in the following academic year, unless deemed unfit to hold such a position by the President and all current Vice Presidents.
- Said election is internal and will only be open to current executive members of the respective academic year. Each executive member is entitled to cast one vote for each position.
- A notice of elections will be made by the President no later than March 31st and shall include the date and time of an executive meeting to be held for the purposes of conducting elections.
- An executive meeting for elections will be held in April of each academic year, no sooner than two weeks following the original notice. The senior-most outgoing executive member will be responsible for maintaining the democracy and veracity of the electoral process, or a Chief Returning Officer shall be appointed should no such executive be outgoing.
- The newly elected President and Vice Presidents shall assume their positions as of May 1st.
- Over the course of the summer term preceding the upcoming academic year, the President and Vice Presidents shall hire for all other executive positions.
 - The exception to this are First Year Representative positions, which conclude on April 30th along with other executive positions, but are not elected until the fall term of the following year.
 - Any first year in the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences can seek nominations but to be considered for the executive position, that individual must obtain 20 nominations/signatures from other students of the department.
 - Successful candidates will be permitted to give a short speech at the general meeting where the election is being held. Each speech will be followed by a short question and answer period. The length of each speech and the question/answer period will be left to the discretion of the Chairperson.
 - Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot and overseen by an election oversight committee separate and unique from the candidate selection committee. This committee will consist of Vice President of Marketing along with 2-4 other executives.
 - Voters reserve the choice to abstain, if they are not supportive of any of the candidates.
 - The candidate who receives the most votes for each position wins that position.
 - Final results of the election must be presented to the membership for ratification of the process only. The results themselves should not be brought into question; only the process through which these results were tabulated.



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- If an error in the process is found, the election should be re-held at the final General Meeting with a new election oversight committee.
- This hiring process will begin with an application period in May-June, where all students in the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences are eligible to apply by submitting their resume along with an application form available on the association's website.
- Following the closure of the application period, the President and Vice Presidents will review the received applications. Successful candidates will receive a 30-minute interview to further discuss their qualifications for the position and their intentions for the association as an executive for the proposed term.
- After all interviews have been conducted, the President and Vice Presidents will meet to determine which applicants shall be offered positions on the executive team.
- Successful candidates will receive an offer via email and will be given a period of no more than 1 week to accept their position.
- Executive members are relieved of the duties of their positions effective April 30th.

Article XI: Removal of Executives

- An executive member may be removed under the following circumstances.
- A motion, citing cause, may be brought to a meeting of the executive.
 - This motion must be circulated at least one week in advance and the executive member to be removed must be present at the meeting in order for the motion to be valid.
 - If the member is not present in one instance for such a vote and the same motion is circulated for an additional meeting, the motion will be in order whether the member is present or not.
 - A two-thirds majority vote is required in order for this motion to pass.
- A motion, citing cause, may be brought to a general meeting.
 - If the general meeting is called at the discretion of the executive a simple majority vote of the executive is required to put forward the motion.
 - If the general meeting is called by a petition of members and includes a motion to remove an executive it is automatically part of the agenda.
 - This motion must be included in the notice of the meeting in order to be valid.
 - This motion shall require a simple majority vote.

Article XII: Finances

- The source of the association's funding will come from:
 - External organizations such as the SCSU.
 - Membership fees.
 - Sponsorship funding.
 - Any additional revenue from the sale of tickets for paid events or other items.
- The association agrees to adhere to such standards and practices, regarding its funding, as are established by the Office of Student Affairs or may be established in the future, in reference to the associations' role as a Departmental Student Association.
 - The budget for each academic year will be prepared by the Vice-President Finance and must be presented to the executive no later than the last day of September. Ideally, this budget should be prepared before the end of the previous year in consultation with the out-going executive.
- The annual budget and a statement of the association's financial standing must



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be presented to the general membership of the association at the annual general meeting in March.

- The operating budget shall be the major budget for the fiscal year and provide for all expenditures of the organization for the subsequent year.
 - The operating budget shall be approved by a majority vote of the general members present and voting at a valid general meeting.
 - The banking business of the organization, or any part thereof, shall be transacted with such bank, trust company or other firm or body corporate as the Executive may designate, appoint or authorize from time to time and all such banking business, or any part thereof, shall be transacted on the organization's behalf by one or more Officers or other persons as the Executive may designate, direct or authorize from time to time and to the extent thereby provided.
 - The President, the Vice-President Finance, and only in special circumstances the Vice-President Operations, shall be the sole signing authorities of banking instruments for the organization.
 - EPSA will ensure that proper and accurate financial records are maintained and passed on to incoming executives following each year's elections.
 - EPSA will accept full financial and production responsibility for all activities it sponsors, plans, or executes
- EPSA shall provide the name of the bank, the branch number and address, transit number, bank account number, and a list of all signing officers for all bank accounts opened in the organization's name to the Department of Student Life, University of Toronto Scarborough.

Article XIII: Executive Meetings

- The purpose of executive meetings is to provide a forum for the organization's executives to discuss and make decisions on day-to-day matters affecting the organization.
- Executive meetings will be facilitated by the President of the organization. The President shall be responsible for:
 - Formulating and distributing an agenda for each meeting;
 - Ensuring appropriate conduct and leading the meeting in an efficient, reasonable manner;
 - Moderating the discussion at meetings according to the agenda;
- There shall be a minimum of one (1) executive meeting held every one (1) month during the period September 1 to April 30. The date of each subsequent executive meeting will be confirmed at the preceding meeting and will be reiterated to executives via email a minimum of two (2) calendar days prior to the meeting. Executives are expected to attend all meetings and respond to requests regarding their availability in order to schedule such meetings. Those who are not able to attend are expected to notify the President and either the Vice-President Finance or the Vice-President Operations, at least 24 hours beforehand.
- The executive may meet on additional occasions at the discretion of the President or any two members of the executive.
- Executive meetings are restricted to executive members only. Quorum of any executive meeting shall be the attendance of greater than 50% of the executives.
- A summary of business conducted at any meeting of the executive shall be made publicly available to all members, by the Vice-President Communications.
- The frequency of executive meetings occurring between May 1 and August 31 will be left to the



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discretion of the executive committee.

- Executive meetings may be called to order by the President or through a petition signed by three (3) executive members.
- Executives must notify the President a minimum of six (6) hours before an executive meeting to inform them of new business they wish to discuss. The President will then add the discussion item to the agenda.
- Each executive member of the organization shall be entitled to one (1) vote at a valid executive meeting.
- Any question at an Executive Meeting shall be decided by a show of hands.
- Whenever a vote by show of hands occurs, a declaration by the President that the vote has been carried, carried by a particular majority, or failed shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- In case of an equality of votes at an Executive Meeting, the motion will be recorded as having failed.
- The President may, with the consent of the majority of executives, decide to adjourn these meetings from time to time.

Article XIV: General Meetings

- The purpose of General Meetings is to provide a forum for executives to overview the activities of the organization and solicit feedback from members, to engage in policy making, to propose amendments to the constitution, and to report on the financial status of the organization.
- Calling Meetings.
 - There shall be a minimum of one (1) general meeting held every academic year. The date of the general meeting will be confirmed at the preceding general meeting and will be reiterated to members via email a minimum of two (2) calendar days prior to the meeting.
 - General meetings may be called to order by the President, through a petition signed by three (3) executive members, or by a petition signed by five (5) non- executive general members.
 - General meetings are open to registered members of the organization only. Quorum will first be established by the presence of a simple and clear majority of the executives.
 - A notice of any general meeting must appear on the association's website and must be distributed through a general mailing list and/or intranet channel. Additional publicity is encouraged.
 - Members of the association may petition for a general meeting at any time and if a petition is signed by 100 or 50% of the members the executive shall immediately cause a general meeting to be called no later than a month from the time of receipt. Any motion that is indicated on this petition of members shall be automatically included in the agenda for the general meeting.
- General Meeting Agenda
 - The executive normally determines the agenda for a general meeting.
 - Items for discussion at a general meeting must be circulated with the original notice of meeting.
 - Items may be added to the agenda, from the floor, with a simple majority vote by the members in attendance. Motions to remove an executive are not valid from the floor.
 - Amendments to the Constitution may only be made at a general meeting.
- Conduct of Business
 - The President shall normally chair a general meeting. The President may request an external chair and may be also forced to do so by a majority vote of the executive prior to the meeting date.
 - Quorum for the conduct of business at a general meeting shall be forty members, twenty of whom must be present in person.
 - Each member of the association is eligible to obtain proxies from other members in the form of a written declaration. No member may wield more than five proxies in addition to his or her own vote.
 - The chair of the meeting, or designate, will be responsible for collecting and verifying notices of proxy.
 - Proxies are valid only for the conduct of business at the general meeting and shall bear no relation



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to any elections within the association, even if those elections are held in connection with the general meeting.

- For the conduct of elections at a general meeting neither the President nor any other member is eligible to chair, for the duration of those elections, if he or she is to be a candidate.
- The quorum requirement of forty members, present either physically or by proxy, shall not apply to elections.
- Minutes
 - A record of minutes from each general meeting shall be made publicly available to all members, by the Vice-President Marketing & Communications.

Article XV: Emergency Meetings

- Emergency meetings can be called for extenuating or unforeseen circumstances that may arise from time to time.
- These meetings must abide by the respective rules outlined in sections VII and VIII depending on the nature of the meeting.
- Notice of these meetings must be provided a minimum of 24 hours in advance through email.
- Less notice for emergency meetings may be provided at the discretion of the President in agreement with a minimum of five (5) general members.

Article XVI: Transition

- All outgoing executives are required to transfer all organizational resources used relative to a particular role over the course of the preceding year to new executives upon leaving the position.
- All outgoing executives are responsible for providing a detailed report to incoming executives that stipulates the status of ongoing projects in their portfolio and evaluations of previous projects and programs that they lead.
- All outgoing and incoming executives will participate in a joint training session occurring no later than the end of May each year to assist with the transition between new executive teams.

Article XVII: Emergency Powers

- In the case of extenuating circumstances, the executive shall be afforded the ability to act without direction from the organization's members.
- An extenuating circumstance is defined as any instance that may jeopardize the immediate functioning of the organization including but not limited to: executive vacancies, unexpected cancellations, removal from position, or lack of response from members.
- Emergency powers may only be used for such a period of time as is needed to address an extenuating circumstance.
- General members have the ability to remove emergency powers where appropriate through submission of a signed petition from at least 10% of the entire general membership.

Article XVIII: Handling of Food on Campus

- The association will conform to Provincial and Municipal Health Regulations when events



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held at the University of Toronto at Scarborough include the sale and/or service of food items.

Article XIX: Precedence of University Policies

- EPSA will abide by all pertinent University of Toronto policies, procedures, and guidelines. When the University's policies, procedures, and guidelines conflict with those of EPSA, the University's policies, procedures, and guidelines will take precedence.

Article XX: Legal Liability

- The University of Toronto Scarborough does not endorse the EPSA's beliefs or philosophy nor does it assume legal liability for the group's activities on or off campus.

Article XXI: Branding

- All signatures and logos of EPSA are the property of EPSA and shall only be reproduced with EPSA's consent, as outlined under EPSA's *Brand Identity & Styling Guide*.
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