

Constitution of the Society for Innovation at the Intersection of Natural and Artificial Intelligence (SIINAI)

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Article I: Name and Purpose

1.1 The official name of the Campus Group will be **Society for Innovation at the Intersection of Natural and Artificial Intelligence (SIINAI)**.

Note: It will always be made clear in representations that this is a student group affiliated with the University of Toronto Scarborough.

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

1.3 The purpose of SIINAI is to empower undergraduate students with knowledge, skills, and experiences that foster innovation and research across diverse fields — including but not limited to healthcare, neuroscience, artificial intelligence, mathematics, economics, physics, and the social sciences.

The group enhances the educational, recreational, social, or cultural environment of the University of Toronto Scarborough by:

- Providing members with access to workshops, seminars, and expert talks
 - Facilitating student-led passion projects that explore innovative solutions
 - Providing opportunities for students to network with industry professionals, gain mentorship, and understand real-world applications
 - Fostering a collaborative environment where students from various programs of study can work and learn together
 - Promoting awareness and education about the implementation and ethical considerations of AI
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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 persons from outside the University. Non-voting members do not hold voting rights.

2.5 The membership fee will be **\$0** per year (free membership).

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 the right to attend all general meetings.

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

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

3.5 All voting members have the right to vote in all group elections and referendums.

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

Note: These rights 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 1 to April 30.

4.2 The Executive Committee shall be comprised of **nine (9)** voting members:

- President
- Vice-President Internal
- Vice-President External
- Vice-President Student Engagement
- Vice-President Finance
- Vice-President Human Resources
- Vice-President Digital Innovation and Resources
- Director of Marketing
- Director of Events

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 only hold non-voting positions on the Executive Committee.

4.5 The maximum number of non-voting positions shall be one (1) or ten percent (10%) of the Executive Committee, whichever is greater.

4.6 Persons holding non-voting positions cannot serve as officer, financial authority, signing authority, primary contact, or secondary contact.

4.7 No person may serve as a signing or financial authority if they hold that role in another recognized student group.

4.8 The Executive may appoint Directors or Coordinators to support programming who are not eligible to vote at Executive Committee meetings.

Article V: Elections

5.1 All voting positions shall be filled through an annual election by March 31.

5.2 All voting members are eligible to seek nomination and vote for each voting position.

5.3 Non-voting members may seek only non-voting positions and may not vote.

5.4 The nominee receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner.

5.5 If multiple candidates are elected to the same role, the top vote-getters shall fill available seats.

5.6 The election must be fair and unbiased. No candidate may oversee the election.

5.7 Unfilled roles may be filled later via a by-election and simple majority vote (50% + 1).

Article VI: Termination of Membership

6.1 The Executive Committee may revoke a member's membership if the member commits an act that harms the interests of the group or fails to disclose a serious conflict of interest.

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

6.3 A two-thirds (2/3) majority is required to approve removal.

- 6.4** The member has a right to appeal the removal to the general membership.
- 6.5** A simple majority vote by general members can uphold or overturn the removal.
- 6.6** Following termination, the member will be removed from group records and lose all rights.
- 6.7** Executive members are subject to the same process.
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Article VII: Amendments

- 7.1** Constitutional amendments require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of general members at a meeting that meets quorum.
- 7.2** All voting members may propose and vote on amendments.
- 7.3** The Executive Committee shall submit the updated constitution to the Department of Student Life within two (2) weeks of passage.
- 7.4** Amendments only take effect once approved by the Student Life Office.
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Additional Policies and Provisions

You may append the following policies here. These are consistent with tri-campus and UTSC guidelines:

Associate Leadership Team

Non-voting volunteer positions include:

- Departmental Student Representatives
- Editorial Board Members
- Tech Lead
- Communications Officers

Finances

- The Vice-President Finance will manage the group's budget.
- All expenditures must be approved by the Executive Committee.
- Bank accounts and signing officers will be reported to the UTSC Department of Student Life.

Meetings

- General meetings are open to all voting members and occur monthly.
- Executive meetings occur at least twice per month during the Fall/Winter term.
- Quorum for general meetings is met when non-executive attendees exceed executive attendees.

Emergency Powers

In extenuating circumstances, the Executive Committee may act without prior membership approval. These powers expire once normal operations resume.