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Constitution of “Our Golden Age (OGA) University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Group (OGA UTSC)”

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Article I: Name and Purpose

- 1.1 The official name of the Campus Group will be Our Golden Age – UTSC Chapter.
- 1.2 The campus group may be referred to by the acronym OGA UTSC or “OGA from UTSC.”
- 1.3 The purpose, objectives, mission, and/or mandate of the organization to provide Islamic, intellectual, and professional development opportunities through integrative seminars to the Muslim community, to spark Our Golden Age from UTSC to beyond In sha Allahu ta’ala!

Article II: Membership

- 2.1 The group shall maintain a list of group members.
- 2.2 Voting membership is open to all registered students at the University of Toronto.
- 2.3 Voting membership is open only to registered students at 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 \$20 for 4 years.

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 6 voting members.

4.3 All voting members of the Executive Committee must be currently registered students at 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 The nominee winning the plurality of votes cast in the election for each position shall be deemed the winner.

5.5 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 winner until all positions are full.

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

5.7 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: Membership Etiquettes & Benefits

- 7.1 Project Our Golden Age (OGA) is an Islamically-run initiative with an international and interdisciplinary Muslim audience, including the President, Teams of Directors and Mentors, Admins and Community (collectively "Members"). In this section, the responsibilities of all Community Members will be described. For specific roles of Directors, please see the following sections of the OGA Constitution (See Section 3. Directorship).
- 7.2 In Project OGA, all Members must maintain consciousness/mindfulness of Allah (subhanahu wa ta'ala) - described as *Taqwa* in Islam. This includes, but is not limited to:
- a. Sincerity in all intentions, actions and discussions within and beyond Project OGA, with the President, the Teams of Directors, Members and Ameers.
 - b. Having purposeful and constructive dialogue with the community of Project OGA
 - c. Being respectful with all Members of Project OGA, in verbal and written dialogue
 - d. Limiting conversations with the opposite gender, and maintaining Islamic etiquette in all open, private, verbal, written and any other format of communications
 - e. Avoiding malicious and/or suspicious discussions without grounds of evidence, relevance and/or communication in Project OGA and/or its Members
- 7.3 Emphasizing on Subsection 2a of this Section, all Members must sincerely submit our intents and actions to Allah (the Most Exalted and High), knowing that He is Fully-Aware of what we wish and do. Indeed, Allah says: "He is the One' Who created death and life in order to test which of you is best in deeds." (Surah Al-Mulk, Ayah 2).
- 7.4 By being part of the Project OGA Membership, you agree to be bound by Islamic character and conduct as outlined in Subsections 2 and 3 of Section 2; any inappropriate and ill-intended content shared or communicated with any Member of Project OGA will not be tolerated and is subject to - but not limited to - probation, suspension, and/or expulsion from any or all OGA services. Following thorough investigation and depending on the scope of concern, further disciplinary action may be taken, which may involve external parties if deemed necessary to reach an Islamically-just resolution to the matter with all parties.
- 7.5 In sha Allah, OGA Members will - at a minimum - have the following benefits:
- a. Gain Islamic insight, knowledge and understanding from scholars and students of Islamic knowledge; ability to learn, become inspired by propagate Islamic teachings
 - b. Attend monthly meetups, including Islamic seminars, reminders, Muslim-led career workshops, networking sessions, field presentations, events, programs and services.

- c. Join over 20 OGA group chats to recruit, mentor, connect and network with Muslim intellectuals and professionals in over 18 fields from the Arts, Computational, Islamic, Natural, Physical, Psychological Sciences, etc.
- d. Share event ideas with Team OGA during biweekly meetings and address any concerns or questions via biweekly meetings, via email and/or messaging
- e. Post reminders, advice, job or scholarship opportunities, questions and ideas in our OGA community socials, to the Teams of Directors, Mentors, and Admins
- f. Increase global impact, support & community engagement across External Projects
- g. Potential to join OGA Directorship, form an OGA Chapter or join OGA GLOBAL
- h. Inclusion of Our Golden Age's pursuits and accomplishments on your Mizaan

Article VIII: Chapter Directorship (Roles and Responsibilities)

- 8.1 For all OGA Chapters, the Directorship is primarily responsible for directly supporting the growth and vision of Islamic intellectualism and professionalism through Project OGA.
- 8.2 All OGA Chapter Directors are responsible to regularly execute their tasks assigned by the President and report back to the President any updates, questions or concerns about their tasks at any time during the duration and progress of their term.
- 8.3 OGA Directors that show inactivity, irresponsibility, or inconsistency in their roles for over 21 days will be required to attend a meeting with the President to determine if they remain suitable in position until the end of their term. Within the following 30 days, a review of the Director's progress will be undertaken by your OGA Chapter to determine if the Director remains suitable in position until the end of their term or if resignation is necessary.
- 8.4 As a Director, you agree to serve a representative of OGA, by upholding the best of Islamic conduct, character and professionalism. Like all Members (See Subsection 4 of Section 2 - Membership), any form of un-Islamic conduct or character in the Directorship will not be tolerated and may lead to dismissal from Team OGA and/or expulsion from its services.
- 8.5 Insha Allah, OGA Chapter Directors will all - at a minimum - have the following benefits:
 - a. Represent Project OGA as a Chapter Ambassador and Leader in its mission, approach and values for Islamic intellectualism in the interdisciplinary community of Muslim professionals
 - b. Directly work with and reach out to the President in making executive decisions relating to the present or future progress and strategies of Project OGA
 - c. Directly connect with OGA guest speakers including scholars and students of Islamic knowledge, and network with Muslim specialists in their fields of interest
 - d. Host, coordinate and/or organize OGA events, programs and services including biweekly meetups, career workshops, networking sessions & field presentations.
 - e. Coordinate with, recruit and support OGA members seeking opportunities to join Team OGA in the future or serve as Mentor, or Admin for any OGA group chat.

President

1. The OGA Chapter President (CP) is responsible for ensuring and maintaining Islamically-run operations in their Chapter, including the Directorship and Membership.
2. OGA CPs must attend and be involved in monthly GLOBAL meetings, serving as important OGA GLOBAL and Chapter updates, guidance & accomplishments.
3. The OGA CP is responsible coordinating meetings for events with their Directors on a weekly basis, receiving updates from Directors and disseminating GLOBAL updates
4. The OGA CP is responsible for addressing the needs, concerns and queries of any OGA Members for seminars & services, providing regular office hours and semi-annual Local Chapter Meetings (highlighting events, programs and accomplishments, every 4 months).
5. The OGA CP must ensure all OGA Directors are upholding the greatest of Islamic conduct and character within and beyond meetings, communications, seminars & all OGA services.
6. The OGA CP is responsible for Islamic decision-making, equitable distribution of tasks, and effective team management to enhance OGA's Mission across local, cross-Chapter, and international-scope programs and seminars from the regional, national to global levels.

Islamic Awareness Director

1. The Islamic Awareness (IA) Director is responsible for ensuring and maintaining Islamically-run operations in Project OGA, in OGA Directorship and Membership.
2. The IA Director is responsible for writing weekly Islamic reminders that will be shared on OGA socials, including the OGA's LinkedIn, Instagram, and WhatsApp community group chat, to instill Islamic awareness and intellectualism in all OGA Members.
3. The IA Director is responsible for recruiting scholars and students of Islamic knowledge for the coordination of in-person monthly lectures, with themes including - but not exclusively - Islamic intellectualism, excellence, & professionalism for the Muslim's dunya and akhirah
4. The IA Director must coordinate with the President and Outreach Director in selecting scholars of Islamic knowledge abiding by the Noble Quran and authentic Sunnah for the Islam Excellence WhatsApp group chat as well as any OGA events, programs & services.

Professionalism (PR) Director

1. The PR Director is responsible for providing career-based professional enrichment and job-recruitment opportunities through events, programs and services in Project OGA.
2. The PR Director is responsible for writing weekly announcements such as career advice, job opportunities and field presentations that will be shared on OGA socials, including the OGA's LinkedIn, Instagram and WhatsApp community group chat to target the above needs and interests of Members, to instill academic, intellectual and professional excellence.

3. The PR Director is responsible for recruiting Muslim specialists for the coordination of in-person monthly panels, with themes including - but not exclusively - work-life-study balance, career exploration, & maintaining Muslim's excellency in the workplace.
4. The PR Director must coordinate with the President and Outreach Director in selecting Muslim specialists, recruiters, and mentors for the OGA group chats for mentorship opportunities as well as for any OGA events, programs and services.

Intellectual + (iSTEM+) Director

1. The iSTEM+ Director is responsible for providing academic, and intellectual opportunities through "intellectually-STEMulating" (iSTEM+) events, programs and services in OGA.
2. The iSTEM+ Director is responsible for writing weekly announcements such as career advice, job opportunities and field presentations that will be shared on OGA socials, including the OGA's LinkedIn, Instagram and WhatsApp community to target the above needs and interests of Members, to instill and establish academic and intellectual excellency.
3. The iSTEM+ Director is responsible for recruiting Muslim specialists for the coordination of monthly podcasts, with themes including - but not exclusively - work-life-study balance, career exploration, support and networking for the Muslim's excellence in the workplace.
4. The iSTEM+ Director must coordinate with the President and Outreach Director in selecting Muslim academicians, researchers and specialists for the OGA group chats for mentorship opportunities as well as for any OGA events, programs and services.

Communications Director

1. The Communications (Comms) Director is responsible for developing and maintaining effective social operations connecting Project OGA, its Members and the public.
2. The Comms Director is responsible for making posts that will be shared on OGA socials, including the OGA WhatsApp community group chat, to announce and promote OGA events, programs and services with all OGA Members and the public.
3. The Comms Director is responsible for developing and maintaining OGA's social media accounts (Instagram, LinkedIn and WhatsApp), website and posters for Project OGA
4. The Comms Director must coordinate with the President and Directorship within 1 week with any updates for OGA socials, posters or website, after being sent requests 2 weeks in advance from the Directorship for any OGA events, programs and services.

Outreach Director

1. The Outreach (OutR) Director is responsible for ensuring and maintaining operations that fulfill the needs and interests of Project OGA, by connecting its Members with the Public.
2. The OutR Director is responsible for creating surveys, polls and forms that will be shared on OGA socials, to ensure Project OGA meets the needs and interests of its Members through its OGA events, programs and services.
3. The OutR Director is responsible in reaching out to Masajid, external institutions, and organizations for collaborations, invitations, and programs that will expand OGA's scope to fulfill the needs and interests of the Muslim Ummah at large, for their dunya and akhirah
4. The OutR Director must coordinate with the President and Directorship for making requests for specialists, scholars and speakers, after being sent requests 2 weeks in advance from the Directorship for any OGA events, programs and services.

Accountings Director

1. The Accounting (Acc) Director is responsible for ensuring and maintaining the financial stability of OGA operations, by connecting and compiling sponsorships for OGA services.
2. The Acc Director is responsible for creating sponsorship forms, packages, records, and building longitudinal relationships with Masajid, donors, sponsors, businesses, and organizations in partnerships and collaborations within and beyond OGA services
3. The Acc Director is responsible in reaching out, seeking and securing partners when applying for collaborations, sponsorships, grants and bursaries at local, institutional, provincial, national and global levels to expand OGA's scope to fulfill the needs and interests of the Muslim Ummah at large, for their dunya and akhirah
4. The Acc Director must coordinate with the President and Directorship in sharing consistent updates on budgeting financial expenses, transactions, sponsorships, revenue and any costs associated with any previous, planned, and/or proposed OGA events, programs and services when requested during team and public meetings. All planned and/or proposed OGA initiatives should not exceed the present budgetary status of the OGA balance.