

# **Constitution of The Scene Film Club**

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## **Article I: Name and Purpose**

**1.1** The official name of the Campus Group will be **The Scene Film Club (TSFC)**.

**1.2** The campus group may be referred to by the acronym **TSFC** or "**The Scene**".

**1.3** The purpose, objectives, mission, and mandate of the organization is to connect film enthusiasts through the **creation** and **viewing** of short and long-form films. TSFC seeks to enrich the cultural, recreational, and social environment at the University of Toronto Scarborough through creative collaboration and hands-on experience in the film and videography space. The club operates as a **non-profit** entity within the University of Toronto.

## **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 Scarborough (UTSC).

**2.3** Non-voting membership is open to University of Toronto staff, faculty, alumni, and individuals from outside the University. Non-voting members do not hold rights awarded to voting members.

**2.4** The membership fee will be **\$0** for UofT students and **\$20** for non-UofT members annually.

## **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 referendums.

**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 standard term for all positions on the Executive Committee shall be from **May 1st to April 30th** to align with the academic year. However, the Executive Committee retains the right to reassign, replace, or appoint executive members on an as-needed basis, subject to a majority vote of the existing Executive Committee.

**4.2** The Executive Committee shall be composed of **7 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 number 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 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.

**5.1.1** The Executive Committee may require nominees for executive positions to undergo an interview or selection process prior to being approved for nomination in the 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 an unbiased 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 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: Additional Policies**

### **8.1 Code of Conduct:**

All members and executives are expected to conduct themselves respectfully and professionally in all club activities and communications. Discrimination, harassment, or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

### **8.2 Executive Selection Process:**

Executive positions may be filled through an interview and review process conducted by current executives or a selection committee. Final appointments must be approved by a majority of the Executive Committee to ensure candidates meet the club's needs and standards.

### **8.3 Term and Removal of Executives:**

Executive members serve terms determined by the Executive Committee based on the club's operational needs. The Executive Committee reserves the right to terminate any executive position if the member is not fulfilling their responsibilities, subject to a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

#### **8.4 Conflict of Interest:**

All executives must disclose any potential conflicts of interest related to their role. Failure to disclose such conflicts may result in removal from the Executive Committee.

#### **8.5 Meetings and Quorum:**

General meetings will be held at least once per semester. A quorum for general meetings will be defined as 25% of voting members. Executive Committee meetings require a majority of members to be present to conduct official business.

#### **8.6 Communication:**

Official club communication will be conducted through designated channels (e.g., email, Slack, or group chat). Executives are expected to respond to important communications within 48 hours.