

## **Constitution of “University of Toronto Fashion and Law Students’ Association”**

### **1. Article One – Name and Purpose**

- 1.1. The official name of the recognized student group is “University of Toronto Fashion and Law Students’ Association”
- 1.2. The official acronym or abbreviation of the group is “UOFTFLA”
- 1.3. The purpose, objectives, mission and/or mandate of the organization is to create an interdisciplinary undergraduate community that explores the intersection of fashion, law, and culture. The Association’s objectives are to:
  - 1.3.1. Provide students with opportunities to critically examine how law shapes fashion, identity, and society.
  - 1.3.2. Organize panels, workshops, and events that engage with issues such as intellectual property, cultural appropriation, sustainability, ethics, and digital innovation in fashion.
  - 1.3.3. Foster collaboration across disciplines by connecting students interested in pre-law, social sciences, arts, and related fields.
  - 1.3.4. Support the academic and professional development of members through networking, mentorship, and engagement with scholars and practitioners.
  - 1.3.5. Build a creative and inclusive platform that encourages dialogue between legal studies and artistic expression.

### **2. Article Two – Membership and Membership Fee**

- 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 \$0 per year.

### **3. Article Three – 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 cast votes in all group elections and referenda.
- 3.5. The rights prescribed in Article Three are not awarded to non-voting members as described in Article Two.

### **4. Article Four - 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 eight (8) 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 Committee 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.
- 4.9. All Executive Committee members have a right to stand for election unless otherwise stated in this document.
- 4.10. All Executive Committee members have a right to propose and vote on amendments to this constitution.

## 5. **Article Five - Executive Committee Composition and Duties**

### 5.1. **The President shall:**

- 5.1.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.1.2. Oversee the operations, management, and success of the group,
- 5.1.3. Serve as spokesperson for the group,
- 5.1.4. Hold signing and financial authority along with the Vice-President of Finance,
- 5.1.5. Preside over meetings of the Executive Committee and/or members,
- 5.1.6. Ensure a transition of office from one year to the next.

### 5.2. **The Vice-President shall:**

- 5.2.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.2.2. Assist in overseeing the operations, management, and success of the group,
- 5.2.3. Act in place of the President in their absence,
- 5.2.4. Support coordination between Executive members to ensure timely completion of initiatives and events,
- 5.2.5. Monitor progress on ongoing projects and hold Executive members accountable to deadlines,
- 5.2.6. Support long-term planning and succession strategy of the association,
- 5.2.7. Undertake additional responsibilities as delegated by the President or Executive Committee.

### 5.3. **The Vice-President, Outreach shall:**

- 5.3.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.3.2. Develop partnerships with other organizations and professionals.
- 5.3.3. Manage collaborations, sponsorships, and community outreach opportunities.

5.3.4. Ensure the association maintains strong connections within and beyond UofT.

**5.4. The Vice-President, Finance shall:**

- 5.4.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.4.2. Manage budget, funding applications, reimbursements, and grant opportunities.
- 5.4.3. Record all financial transactions of the group.
- 5.4.4. Hold signing and financial authority along with the President.
- 5.4.5. Ensure transparency and accountability in all financial matters.
- 5.4.6. Prepare and present an annual budget for the group.

**5.5. The Vice-President, Social Media shall:**

- 5.5.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.5.2. Handle the club's daily digital presence across platforms.
- 5.5.3. Create and post content, manage posting schedules, and track analytics.
- 5.5.4. Ensure all social media content is consistent, creative, and on-brand.

**5.6. The Vice-President, Events shall:**

- 5.6.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.6.2. Plan and execute panels, workshops, and collaborative events.
- 5.6.3. Coordinate logistics, guest speakers, and academic/creative programming.
- 5.6.4. Ensure events align with the mission and values of the association.

**5.7. The Vice-President, Internal Affairs shall:**

- 5.7.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.7.2. Support internal operations and administration of the association,
- 5.7.3. Oversee member engagement, onboarding, and internal communications,
- 5.7.4. Assist in organizing meetings, maintaining records, and ensuring internal coordination,
- 5.7.5. Address internal concerns, conflicts, or organizational issues in collaboration with the Executive Committee,
- 5.7.6. Promote a positive, inclusive, and well organized internal culture within the association.

**5.8. The Vice-President, Publications shall:**

- 5.8.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.8.2. Oversee the creation, editing, and publication of written content produced by the association,
- 5.8.3. Manage the association's website and written publications,
- 5.8.4. Ensure all publications align with the association's mission, values, and brand identity,
- 5.8.5. Coordinate with other executive members and contributors to plan and schedule publications,
- 5.8.6. Maintain quality control and editorial standards across all published materials.

**6. Article Six – Elections**

- 6.1. All voting positions on the Executive Committee shall be filled through an annual election.
- 6.2. All voting group members shall be eligible to seek nomination so long as they have attended a minimum of 2 club events in that year.
- 6.3. 6.3 All voting group members shall be eligible to cast a ballot for each voting position.
- 6.4. All non-voting group members shall be eligible to seek nomination only for non-voting positions on the Executive Committee.
- 6.5. Non-voting group members shall not be eligible to cast a ballot for any elected position.
- 6.6. The nominee winning the plurality of votes cast in the election for each position shall be deemed the winner.
- 6.7. 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.
- 6.8. The elections must be held in a nonbiased manner. No individual who is seeking election may participate in planning or administering the election.
- 6.9. 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)

## **7. Article Seven – Finances**

- 7.1. The Vice-President, Finance shall keep an active record of income and expenses.
- 7.2. The Vice-President, Finance shall present the group's updates on the group's financial position at annual general meetings.
- 7.3. The Executive Committee must approve all expenditures over \$100.00 through a majority vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 7.4. The group may not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature.
- 7.5. The group will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus chapter of a commercial organization.
- 7.6. The group will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the group.
- 7.7. The group will not pay salaries to any of its officers.

## **8. Article Eight – Meetings**

- 8.1. The Executive Committee shall meet monthly. The quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be 50%+1 of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

## **9. Article Nine - Termination of Membership**

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. A vote to revoke membership must be held at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 9.3. A simple majority vote of the Executive Committee is required to approve any motion to revoke membership.

- 9.4. Any member facing removal shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Executive Committee to the general membership.
- 9.5. 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.
- 9.6. 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.
- 9.7. Executive Committee members are subject to the same termination of membership process as general members.

## **10. Article Ten – Amendments**

- 10.1. All constitutional amendments shall require a simple majority vote to be passed at a general meeting.
- 10.2. All Executive Committee members may propose and vote on amendments to the constitution.
- 10.3. The Executive Committee shall submit the revised constitution to staff in the Division of Student Life at the University of Toronto within two (2) weeks.
- 10.4. Amendments to the constitution shall take effect only once the revised constitution has been approved by staff in the Division of Student Life at the University of Toronto.