Constitution of "Fashion and Politics Club"

1. Article One – Name and Purpose

1.1. The official name of the recognized student group is "Fashion and Politics Club"
1.2. The official acronym or abbreviation of the group is "UofTFP"
1.3. The UofTFP Club shall be based at the UofT St. George campus, but remain welcome to students across all three campuses.
1.4. The mandate of the UofTFP Club is to foster academic and cultural engagement at the intersection of fashion and politics. The Club is dedicated to advancing critical discussion, research, and creative expression on ways in which fashion reflects, influences, and responds to political movements, social change, and questions of identity.
1.5. UofTFP shall organize events, workshops, socials, and collaborative initiatives that promote interdisciplinary dialogue, political awareness, creative expression, and student leadership.
1.6. UofTFP aims to foster collaboration between students across all disciplines interested in cultural studies, politics, fashion and design, and social justice.
1.7. In carrying out its mandate, the Club affirms its commitment to inclusivity, diversity, and the enrichment of campus life at the University of Toronto.

2. Article Two – Membership and Membership Fee

2.1. The group shall maintain a list of group members.
2.2. General membership is open to all registered students of the University of Toronto.
2.3. General membership is open only to registered students of the University of Toronto.
2.4. Voting membership is open to general members who have attended at least one meeting.
2.5. 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.
2.6. The membership fee will be $0 per year for all members.

3. Article Three – Rights of Members

3.1. Since the membership fee is $0, refund requests are not applicable.
3.2. All general members have a right to attend all general meetings of members.

3.3. All general members (who have a recorded attendance of at least 1 general meeting) have a right to cast votes in all group elections and referenda.
3.4. All voting members have a right to propose and vote on constitutional amendments
3.5. Non-voting members do not hold these rights but may participate in events and discussions

4. Article Four - Executive Committee

4.1. The term of office for all Executive Committee members shall run from May 1st to April 30th.
4.2. The Executive Committee shall be made up of seven (7) members.
4.3. All members of the Executive Committee must be registered students of the University of Toronto.
4.4. All members of the Executive Committee shall be voting members and be eligible to cast votes at meetings.
4.5. No person may serve as a financial/signing authority for the group if they already serve as one for another recognized student group at the University of Toronto.
4.6. The Executive may appoint Directors or Coordinators for specific committees. These appointees hold no voting rights on the Executive Committee.

5. Article Five - Executive Committee Composition and Duties

NOTE: The following Executive Committee Composition is written for both cases A**)** Two Co-Presidents and B) President and Vice President. In case A) Co-Presidents, there shall be no Vice President position. Each year's executive committee shall decide which leadership style suits their group better before the next corresponding election period.

5.1. **The President/Co-Presidents 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/spokespeople for the group,
- 5.1.4. Hold signing and financial authority along with the Director 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,
- 5.1.7. (In case of Co-Presidents) Assume duties of the other President in their absence.

5.2. **The Vice President (if applicable) shall:**
- 5.2.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.2.2. Assume duties of the President in their absence,

5.2.3. Ensure activities of the club comply with policies of the University of Toronto,
5.2.4. Coordinate organizational recruitment efforts,
5.2.5. Assist with event planning and logistics.

5.3. **The Secretary shall:**
5.3.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
5.3.2. Maintain a General Membership Roster,
5.3.3. Notify all members of general meetings,
5.3.4. Administer club records/notes,
5.3.5. Track general meeting attendance,
5.3.6. Send out bi-weekly announcements via email to general members,
5.3.7. Be in charge of organising the club Google Drive,
5.3.8. Ensure communication between members and Committees.

5.4. **The Director of Finance shall:**
5.4.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
5.4.2. Record all financial transactions of the group,
5.4.3. Hold signing and financial authority along with the President,
5.4.4. Maintain a budget of income and expenses,
5.4.5. Advise members on the financial position of the group,
5.4.6. Prepare an annual budget for the group.

5.5. **The Director of Marketing shall:**
5.5.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
5.5.2. Create content for the club's social media,
5.5.3. Execute marketing campaigns to attract new members,
5.5.4. Analyze trends and social media performance,
5.5.5. Be proficient in Photoshop/Canva/equivalent,
5.5.6. Promote club activities to the community and members.

5.6. **The Director of Social Media & Communications shall:**
5.6.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
5.6.2. Oversee all social media accounts,
5.6.3. Respond promptly to e-mails and direct messages,
5.6.4. Write captions for social media posts,
5.6.5. Lead all outreach and communication initiatives.

5.7. **The Director of Fundraising shall:**
5.7.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
5.7.2. Oversee and plan all fundraising initiatives,
5.7.3. Work closely with the Director of Finance to cultivate a club budget,
5.7.4. Collaborate with other UofT clubs to direct events,
5.7.5. Maintain relationships with potential sponsors.

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 to and cast a ballot for each voting position.

6.3. All non-voting group members shall be eligible to seek nomination only for non-voting positions on the Executive Committee.

6.4. Non-voting group members shall not be eligible to cast a ballot for any elected position.

6.5. The nominee winning the plurality of votes cast in the election for each position shall be deemed the winner.

6.6. In positions requiring multiple representatives, candidates with the highest vote counts shall fill the roles.

6.7. The elections must be impartial; candidates may not participate in planning or administering the election.

6.8. For vacant positions, the remaining officers will share the duties and responsibilities until someone can be found to fulfill the position(s) through a by-election, requiring a simple majority vote (50%+1).

7. Article Seven – Finances

7.1. The Director of Finance shall maintain an active, detailed record of income and expenses.

7.2. The Director of Finance shall present financial updates at annual general meetings.

7.3. Expenditures exceeding $100 must be approved by a majority of the Executive Committee.

7.4. The group may not engage in primarily commercial activities.

7.5. The group may not operate as a 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 weekly. The quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be 50%+1 of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

8.2. The group shall hold one meeting per semester to provide general members an opportunity to review club logistics(i.e. the group's annual activity plan, financial health, etc.) and propose or vote on constitutional amendments.
8.3. The Executive Committee must announce notice of the general meeting at least one week in advance.
8.4. Regular general meetings shall be held on a bi-weekly basis to discuss a topic of choice relating to fashion and politics.

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 two-thirds majority 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 two-thirds majority vote to be passed at a general meeting.
10.2. All voting 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.