Constitution of "EVOLVERE Mental Health UTM Student Chapter"

1. Article One – Name and Purpose

1.1. The official name of the recognized student group is "EVOLVERE Mental Health UTM Student Chapter"
1.2. The official acronym or abbreviation of the group is "EMH Student Chapter @ UTM"
1.3. The purpose, objectives, mission and/or mandate of the organization is to
  1.3.1. Purpose: Evolve the ways that students understand and support their mental health
  1.3.2. Mission
    1.3.2.1.1. Understand students' conceptualizations of mental health and their mental health needs
    1.3.2.1.2. Develop campaigns and events to help address students' mental health needs, and improve the way that students understand and support their mental health
    1.3.2.1.3. Cultivate an open and supportive community grounded in mental health awareness, education, and peer support
    1.3.2.1.4. Advocate for student mental health on campus
  1.3.3. Objectives
    1.3.3.1.1. Develop and periodically distribute surveys to gather information on students' conceptualizations of mental health and their mental health needs to be translated into topics for the development of campaigns and events
    1.3.3.1.2. Curate three (3) campaigns (social media-based or in-person) to help students understand, support, and advocate for their mental health.
    1.3.3.1.3. Hold a minimum of one (1) in-person event to help students understand, support, and advocate for their mental health.
    1.3.3.1.4. Build a community of twenty (20) student members

2. Article Two - Relationship with External Organization

2.1. This student group identifies as a local student chapter of a larger parent organization, EVOLVERE Mental Health Inc.
2.2. The Executive Committee, Officers, Directors, Associates, Co-ordinators, and contact person of the Student Group are not Executive Members of the parent organization.
2.3. This Student Group will not confer financial benefit to the parent organization without fully and completely disclosing to the University the nature and amount of the benefit.
2.4. The parent organization will not dictate the content of the Student Group's constitution and/or by-laws nor how a Student Group may conduct its activities.

3. Article Three – Membership and Membership Fee

3.1. The group shall maintain a list of group members.
3.2. Voting membership is open to all registered students of the University of Toronto.
3.3. Voting membership is open only to registered students of the University of Toronto.

3.4. 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.
3.5. The membership fee will be $0.00 per year.

4. Article Four – Rights of Members

4.1. All members may apply for a full refund of their membership fee within one (1) month of becoming a member.
4.2. All voting members have a right to attend all general meetings of members.
4.3. All voting members have a right to cast votes at all general meetings of members.
4.4. All voting members have a right to stand for election unless otherwise stated in this document.
4.5. All voting members have a right to cast votes in all group elections and referenda.
4.6. All voting members have a right to propose and vote on amendments to this constitution.
4.7. The rights prescribed in Article Four are not awarded to non-voting members as described in Article Three.

5. Article Five - Executive Committee

5.1. The term for all positions on the Executive Committee shall be from May 1st to April 30th.
5.2. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of six (6) voting members.
5.3. All voting members of the Executive Committee must be currently registered students of the University of Toronto.
5.4. Non-voting members may hold only non-voting positions on the Executive Committee.
5.5. 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.
5.6. Persons holding non-voting positions on the Executive Committee cannot serve as an officer, financial authority, signing authority, primary contact, or secondary contact.
5.7. 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.
5.8. 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.

6. Article Six - Executive Committee Composition and Duties

6.1. **The** Co-Presidents **shall:**
6.1.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
6.1.2. Oversee the operations, management, and success of the group,
6.1.3. Serve as spokesperson for the group,
6.1.4. Hold signing and financial authority along with the Vice President,
6.1.5. Preside over meetings of the Executive Committee and/or members,

6.1.6. Notify all members of general meetings,
6.1.7. Ensure activities of the club comply with policies of the University of Toronto,
6.1.8. Ensure a transition of office from one year to the next,
6.1.9. Share their insight to inform campaign/event curation and development with the Engagement Director.

6.2. **The** Vice-President **shall:**
6.2.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
6.2.2. Assume duties of the President in their absence,
6.2.3. Record notes and motions for meetings (assign responsibility in absence)
6.2.4. Coordinate organizational recruitment efforts,
6.2.5. Record all financial transactions of the group,
6.2.6. Hold signing and financial authority along with the President,
6.2.7. Maintain a budget of income and expenses,
6.2.8. Prepare an annual budget for the group,
6.2.9. Share their insight to inform campaign/event curation and development with the Engagement Director

6.3. **The** Marketing Director **shall:**
6.3.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
6.3.2. Write survey data reports
6.3.3. Form collaborative relationships with peers and student groups,
6.3.4. Work with the Events Director to maintain the group social media pages.
6.3.5. Develop promotional materials
6.3.6. Operating social media accounts
6.3.7. Manage Associate team,
6.3.8. Contribute to collaborations by translating evidence-based strategies into culturally competent and easily digestible information piece.

6.4. **The** Events Director **shall:**
6.4.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
6.4.2. Oversee the logistics of in-person events,
6.4.3. Create outline of events to facilitate event planning
6.4.4. Maintain a list of group members,
6.4.5. Maintain the group's social media pages and member contact list,
6.4.6. Manage Associate Team
6.4.7. Ideate strategies to foster consistent student engagement in campaigns and events with the Marketing Director.

7. Article Seven – Elections

7.1. All voting positions on the Executive Committee shall be filled through an annual election.
7.2. All voting group members shall be eligible to seek nomination and cast a ballot for each voting position.
7.3. All non-voting group members shall be eligible to seek nomination only for non-voting positions on the Executive Committee.
7.4. Non-voting group members shall not be eligible to cast a ballot for any elected position.

7.5. The nominee winning the plurality of votes cast in the election for each position shall be deemed the winner.
7.6. 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.
7.7. The elections must be held in a nonbiased manner. No individual who is seeking election may participate in planning or administering the election.
7.8. 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).

8. Article Eight – Finances

8.1. The Vice President shall keep an active record of income and expenses.
8.2. The Vice President shall present the group's updates on the group's financial position at annual general meetings.
8.3. The Executive Committee must approve all expenditures over $100.00 through a majority vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
8.4. The group will not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature.
8.5. The group will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus part of a commercial organization.
    8.5.1. This student group identifies as a local student chapter of a larger parent organization, EVOLVERE Mental Health Inc.
    8.5.2. This student group will not confer financial benefit to the parent organization without fully and completely disclosing to the University the nature and amount of the benefit
8.6. The group will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the group.
8.7. The group will not pay salaries to any of its officers.

9. Article Nine – Meetings

9.1. The Executive Committee shall meet monthly. The quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be 50%+1 of the voting members of the Executive Committee.
9.2. The group shall hold general meetings at least twice per year to provide the general membership an opportunity to review the group's annual activity plan, financial health, and propose or vote on constitutional amendments.
9.3. The Executive Committee must announce the date of a general meeting to the general membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

10. Article Ten - Termination of Membership

10.1. 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.
10.2. A vote to revoke membership must be held at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

10.3. A two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee is required to approve any motion to revoke membership.
10.4. Any member facing removal shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Executive Committee to the general membership.
10.5. 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.
10.6. 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.
10.7. Executive Committee members are subject to the same termination of membership process as general members.

11. Article Eleven – Amendments

11.1. All constitutional amendments shall require a 2/3 majority vote to be passed at a general meeting.
11.2. All voting members may propose and vote on amendments to the constitution.
11.3. 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.
11.4. 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.