



Constitution of:
Environmental and Physical Sciences Students' Association (EPSA)

Article 1: Name

- 1.1 The association shall be called the "Environmental and Physical Sciences Students' Association," hereafter referred to as EPSA.

Article 2: Mandate

- 2.1 To foster a collective vision and purpose among all program students in physical and environmental sciences at the University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC).
- 2.2 To serve as a comprehensive resource for students in physical and environmental sciences who need assistance and guidance with their education.
- 2.3 To encourage interaction and the exchange of ideas between students and faculty in the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences (DPES) and to work with the Department in order to facilitate long-term growth and improvement.
- 2.4 To act as a voice for all students in physical and environmental sciences at U of T Scarborough, addressing and relaying their concerns to the administration, faculty, and other student organizations where and when appropriate.
- 2.5 The EPSA fundamentally serves a non-profit function within the University of Toronto Scarborough, and will not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature.
- 2.6 The EPSA operates as an independent entity working within the University of Toronto Scarborough community subject to the values and policies of the University.

Article 3: Membership

- 3.1 All students enrolled at the University of Toronto Scarborough in any program(s) under the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences will automatically be considered members of this association. These students will be considered general members.
- 3.2 An annual "premium" membership fee may be charged in order to support events and programming.
- 3.3 Any and all students enrolled at the University of Toronto, as well as current academic/administrative staff and faculty are eligible to become Premium members of this association by paying the Premium membership fee even if they are not enrolled as students in the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences.
- 3.4 Premium membership shall be considered active from either the date of enrolment, or the date of purchase, until August 31st of each year.
- 3.5 Each member shall be afforded the following rights through membership in EPSA:
 - 3.5.1 The right to participate and vote in group elections and meetings;
 - 3.5.2 The right to communicate, discuss, and explore all ideas;



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- 3.5.3 The right to organize/engage in activities/events that are reasonable and lawful;
- 3.5.4 The right to freedom from discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or sexual orientation;
- 3.5.5 The right to be free from censorship, control, or interference by the University on the basis of the organization's philosophy, beliefs, interests or opinions unless and until these lead to activities which are illegal or which infringe on the rights and freedoms already mentioned above;
- 3.5.6 The right to distribute published material on campus, in a responsible way, provided that it is not unlawful;
- 3.6 Each member shall possess the following responsibilities relative to participation in EPSA:
 - 3.6.1 Support the purpose of the organization;
 - 3.6.2 Uphold the values of the organization;
 - 3.6.3 Contribute constructively to the programs and activities offered by the organization;
 - 3.6.4 Attend general meetings;
 - 3.6.5 Abide by the constitution and subsequent official organizational documents;
 - 3.6.6 Respect the rights of peers and fellow members;
 - 3.6.7 Abide by University of Toronto policies, procedures, and guidelines;
 - 3.6.8 Abide by the Laws of the Land, including but not limited to the Criminal Code of Canada.
- 3.7 All Premium members can attend events and functions held by the association for free or a discounted fee. General and non-members may be allowed to attend events for a nominal fee.
- 3.8 All members enrolled in and returning to programs under the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences are eligible to be elected to executive positions for the next academic year.
- 3.9 Each member's information will be held and protected in the strictest of confidence and will not be sold or released to any other organization or association.

Article 4: Executive Positions

- 4.1 All executive positions are voluntary, non-paid positions. The term for these positions extends from May 1st of each year until April 30th of the following year.
 - 4.1.1 Elected positions shall be held by students enrolled under programs offered by the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences.
 - 4.1.2 Hired positions are open to all student members of EPSA enrolled at the University of Toronto at Scarborough.
- 4.2 To qualify for a senior executive position, members must have committed a minimum of one year to the organization as a former executive. Members with co-op program commitments requiring extensive absences during the fall and winter semesters will not be eligible to hold senior executive positions.
- 4.3 The duties and responsibilities of the executive positions are outlined as follows:



4.3.1 President

- Oversee and manage the organization, maintain the integrity of the association, and ensure all events and functions are in line with the mission and values of the association.
- Lead the organization with vision and direction, responsible for organizing discussion topics in the form of weekly meeting agendas.
- Act as official representative of the association in formal business; act as liaison with the department as well as with other administrative and campus groups.
- Serve as official signing officer of the association.
- Oversee the financial and organizational stability of the association.
- Must maintain open communication (i.e. in person, by email, etc.) with executives and general members and informing them of important updates
- Call to order and coordinate executive, general and/or emergency meetings, in accordance with Articles 9, 10 and 11.
- Ensure that other executive members are rightfully fulfilling their assigned duties and responsibilities
- Fulfill the responsibilities of any vacant executive position or else ensure they are being fulfilled by another party.
- Enable the transition and continuity of the association from year to year.
- Is considered a senior executive and must fulfill the further requirement of having one (1) year experience as an executive.

4.3.2 Vice President Operations

- Oversee the operations and resources of the association.
- Serve as a secondary signing officer.
- Coordinate logistics and ensuring all senior executives have the resources necessary to conduct their business (e.g. booking rooms via DSL/SCSU, etc.).
- Serve as President in the event that either the office of President is vacant, or the President is otherwise unable to serve.
- Is responsible for the hiring and supervision of the positions of: Events Coordinators and Corporate Relations Manager.
- Sort file documents, organizes Google documents, and creates spreadsheets and instruction sheets for events.
- Ensure that the EPSA office is an effective tool for serving the mandate of the EPSA. This shall include, but not be limited to: scheduling executive office hours; managing the inventory and maintenance of the office equipment and furniture; the maintenance of the office communications, i.e. whiteboards and notices.
- Remind all executives of their respective responsibilities with regards to deadlines, event set-up/clean-up, internal/external meeting attendance, and announcements.
- Responsible for developing a master timeline that incorporates all events and important dates, as well as a master calendar for all DPES courses/exams time slots and other major events to avoid scheduling EPSA initiatives in unfavorable times.
- Is considered a senior executive and must fulfill the further requirement of having one (1) year experience as an executive.



4.3.3 Vice President Finances

- Oversee the operations and resources of the association.
- Serve as a secondary signing officer.
- Work closely with and assist the President with EPSA's financial obligations.
- Pay close attention to funding deadlines from major funding sources (DSL, SCSU, and occasionally UTSC).
- Draft funding proposals and applications with the help of President.
- Responsible for creating financial statements on a quarterly basis.
- Projects EPSA budget and predict allowance for each event in the year.
- Keep track of transactions and status of both accounts (BMO and DPES).
- Ensure that all financial aspects (daily cash box balance, sales, and inventory) of the association is updated and properly coordinated as outlined with the President.
- Should be able to present proper financial reports and statements by request of any senior executive and/or other executive members.
- Organize and issue executive reimbursements with coordination from the President.
- Serve as Acting President in the event that the office of the President and the Vice President Operations are vacant or both executives are otherwise unable to serve
- Is considered a senior executive and must fulfill the further requirement of having one (1) year experience as an executive.

4.3.4 Vice President Academics

- Encourage and actively participate in discourse among students in Physical and Environmental Sciences regarding their concerns and perspectives with respect to their education and academic programming.
- Effectively communicate concerns and ideas raised among students in Physical and Environmental Sciences to the administration, faculty, AA&CC, or other student organizations as appropriate, and work to address those concerns in a proactive and constructive way.
- Foster an awareness of students' academic rights and entitlements among students in Physical and Environmental Sciences.
- Serve as a point of referral for students in Physical and Environmental Sciences, directing them to other resources and services as may be most appropriate to their academic needs.
- Is responsible for the supervision of the discipline representatives (Chemistry, Environmental Sciences and Physics) and Academic Affairs Commissioner.
- Ensure that the Physics Centre and Chemistry Aid Centre are fully operational for the entirety of the year.
- Act as an official representative of the organization in business pertaining to the academic activities of the Department.
- Is considered a senior executive and must fulfill the further requirement of having one year (1) experience as an executive.

4.3.5 Vice President Marketing

- Oversee all marketing aspects of EPSA events through all possible media channels.



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- Responsible for creating and developing new marketing strategies for EPSA and all of its events so as to reach out to the largest number of current and potential members.
- Shall ensure all members are informed of the latest events and activities, particularly those organized by EPSA.
- Responsible for creating awareness of EPSA and its activities throughout campus.
- Hire and supervise the position of Marketing Manager, Graphic Designer, and Webmaster.
- Oversees and manages photography (or designates another member of the Marketing team).
- Shall be the liaison between EPSA and other UTSC student bodies to bring forth marketing strategies.
- Shall assist Vice President Communications and SPECTRUM Director in marketing the SPECTRUM blog to DPES students.
- Is considered a senior executive and must fulfill the further requirement of having one year (1) experience as an executive.

4.3.6 Vice President Communications

- Responsible for UTSC/UofT interdisciplinary outreach, including other Departmental Student Associations (DSAs), SCSU, DSL, and other campus clubs, as well as external outreach, including alumni and prospective students.
- Play critical role in large interdisciplinary events such as Get Started, SCSU Orientation, Career Fair, and Clubs Week.
- Develop new programs (and run existing ones once they are fully established) to engage external groups with DPES and EPSA with the goal of bring more attention and involvement with the department and the organization.
- Oversee the roles of the Volunteer Coordinator, First Year Representatives, and SPECTRUM Director in proactively promoting and expanding EPSA's initiatives.
- Help build a bigger community for EPSA, outside of DPES, in terms of a volunteer database and a charity network.
- Maintain a list of EPSA members to ensure all are informed of on and off campus events and activities, using Mailchimp.
- Train the First-Year Representatives and guide them towards finding strengths and specialties to fulfill future roles.
- Must oversee, the production of the bimonthly newsletter, the SPECTRUM blog (and the writers), and ensure that it represents the interests of the Department.
- Take notes at executive meetings and distribute minutes to all other executives
- Distribute or otherwise make available the summaries of business conducted at executive meetings and the minutes of general meetings.
- Is considered a senior executive and must fulfill the further requirement of having one (1) year experience as an executive.

4.3.7 Discipline Representative (3 total) from Astronomy & Physics, Chemistry & Biochemistry, and Environmental Science & Studies

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Academics.



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- Serve as liaisons with the executive for all students in their respective areas and play a vital role in identifying academic and career-related tools pertaining to their respective disciplines.
- Communicate association news and events to all non-first year students in their respective areas.
- In charge of informing upper level year/graduating students of resources to prepare them for graduate programs and work opportunities via classroom announcements and Blackboard.
- Identify concerns from their discipline areas and bring them to the attention of appropriate figures within the association.
- Shall assist the Academic Affairs Commissioner in the organization of seminars and academic events which inform members of the career options open to them with a degree from DPES.
- Report to Vice-President Academics and act as liaison to appropriate faculty members.
- Chemistry Rep: Responsible for coordinating the Chemistry Aid Centre
- Physics Rep: Responsible for coordinating the Physics Centre (PC)

4.3.8 First Year Representative (2)

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Communications.
- Serve as liaisons with the executive for all first year students in the department.
- Communicate association news and events to all first year students, with in-class announcements and posters.
- Identify concerns relevant to first year students and bring them to the attention of appropriate figures within the association.
- Must fulfill the requirement of entering their first year of study and enrolled in A-level science courses offered at UTSC.

4.3.9 Hired Positions

- Hired positions to EPSA are executive positions which require specific expertise. These positions are determined by an interview and decision process by simple majority vote by the supervising executive (as described above) and not less than two other executives.

a) Events Coordinator (2)

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Operations.
- Coordinate or assist in the coordination of social and interest events that are nonacademic and which enhance the experience of the EPSA members. This may include, but not be limited to: sporting or leisure events; pubs and social nights; mix and mingles.
- Responsible for the planning and logistics of events, including the contact of external parties such as caterers, resorts, venue staff members, and technicians etc.
- Put together instruction sheets for event execution and record all necessary feedback and point of improvement for future events.



b) Graphic Designer

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Marketing
- Responsible for creating posters/flyers/signage for events and distributing them.
- Shall be responsible for creating graphics for SPECTRUM blog posts as requested.
- Shall assist with the marketing of EPSA's promotions and events via social media.
- Shall be familiar with Photoshop and/or other graphic design programs.
- Shall be present at events to serve as media personnel and photography
- Shall upload and edit photographs from social and academic events to broadcast to the EPSA community
- Shall work in collaboration with the Webmaster in regards to marketing/uploading event pictures.

c) Marketing Manager

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Marketing.
- Shall implement physical modes of marketing through banners and distribution of mobile marketing (mini flyers, coupons, etc.).
- Assist with marketing EPSA's promotions and events via social media.
- Shall upload and edit photographs from social and academic events to broadcast to the EPSA community
- Shall work in collaboration with the Webmaster in regards to marketing/uploading event pictures.
- Shall formulate unique approaches to keeping social media streams active with new initiatives and content.
- Shall serve to increase followers of EPSA on all social media channels.
- Shall assist the Graphic Designer with designing posters and promotional materials.

d) Webmaster

- Shall maintain and develop the virtual resources of the association, under the supervision of Vice President Marketing.
- Promote awareness and usage of the association's website and any online resources associated with the department.
- Integrate the various activities and objectives of the association with technical solutions and resources.
- Ensure that public information regarding the association is kept up to date, including contact lists, website, etc.
- Update website about resource centres provided by EPSA such as the Physics Centre and Chemistry Aid Centre
- Assist with marketing EPSA's promotions and events via social media.

e) Volunteer Coordinator

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Communications.
- Responsible for recruitment of volunteers as needed for any events held by EPSA.
- Coordinate the volunteer network program, recording the activities and number of hours each volunteer contributes and facilitating with rewarding or thanking those who contribute to the community through EPSA.



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- Organizes regular meetings with volunteers to discuss upcoming activities of the association.

f) Academic Affairs Commissioner

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Academics
- Shall be enrolled in a specialist or major program of DPES
- Shall organize, or assist in the organization of seminars and academic events which inform members of the career options open to them with a degree from DPES.
- Shall keep close communications with EPSA's discipline representatives in organizing academic events catering to the interests of DPES students and faculty

g) SPECTRUM Director

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Communications.
- Responsible for the hiring of editors, producers, media personnel, and/or other roles deemed necessary to keep EPSA's SPECTRUM blog active.
- Shall implement novel ideas and initiatives in keeping SPECTRUM posts relevant and interesting for readership.
- Shall work closely with the Webmaster in keeping the SPECTRUM blog updated on EPSA's website.
- Shall work closely with the Media Representative in sharing SPECTRUM blog posts on social media channels and developing an effective marketing schedule.
- Shall ensure that bloggers are actively contributing to the SPECTRUM blog.

h) Corporate Relations Manager

- Shall work under the supervision of the Vice President Operations.
- Shall research external funding sources by means of corporate and on-campus sponsorship opportunities.
- Shall prepare a tiered-system sponsorship package, to be utilized in securing sponsorship contracts with corporations and organizations.
- Shall consistently seek sponsorship opportunities and maintain professional rapport with current sponsors.
- Shall work closely with the Vice President Finances in communicating sponsorship packages, contracts, and revenue.

Article 5: Faculty Advisor(s)

5.1 Members of faculty from the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences are eligible to serve in the role of Faculty Advisors within EPSA under the following terms:

5.1.1 A member of faculty may be proposed for this role either through self-nomination or at the suggestion of any member of the executive.

5.1.2 Confirmation in the role of faculty advisor shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the executive.

5.1.3 This position is non-exclusive and therefore multiple advisors are possible.

5.1.4 A faculty advisor shall be considered an honorary executive of the association but will not have voting rights.



Article 6: Determination of Executive / Elections

- 6.1 Each academic year all executive positions in the association become open to all student members of the association enrolled in the University of Toronto Scarborough and they are eligible to run for election to fill these positions in the following academic year.
 - 6.1.1 The exception to this are the First Year Representative positions, which conclude on April 30th with the other executive positions, but is not elected until the fall term of the following year.
- 6.2 A notice of elections will be made by the President no later than February 28th and shall include the date and time of a general meeting to be held for the purposes of conducting elections. This notice must appear on the association's website and must be distributed through a general mailing list or intranet channel. Additional publicity is encouraged.
- 6.3 A general meeting for elections will be held in March of each academic year, no sooner than two weeks following the original notice.
- 6.4 Any member enrolled in and returning to a program under the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences can seek nomination but to be considered a candidate for any executive position, that member must obtain 20 nominations from other members of the association.
- 6.5 Candidates for executive positions shall be selected through an application process subject to meeting a set of minimum qualifications for holding a particular position. These qualifications will be established by the outgoing executive team each year prior to the commencement of the application submission period.
- 6.6 The senior-most outgoing executive member will be responsible for maintaining the democracy and veracity of the electoral process, or a Chief Returning Officer shall be appointed should no such executive be outgoing.
- 6.7 At the meeting every member of the association is entitled to run for each position and they will be elected in the sequence in which they appear in this Constitution, beginning with the President and proceeding through the Discipline Representatives. Candidates may declare their interest in each position at any time up until the election for that position takes place. Each candidate will then have an opportunity to speak to the meeting regarding his or her qualifications and intentions.
- 6.8 Each member of the association may participate in the election for each position and is entitled to cast one vote for each position.
- 6.9 All application periods must commence a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the general meeting at which the election will be held. The application period must end a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the general meeting at which the election will be held.
- 6.10 Successful candidates will be permitted to give a short speech at the general meeting where the election is being held. Each speech will be followed by a short question and answer period. The length of each speech and the question/answer period will be left to the discretion of the Chairperson.
- 6.11 Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot, and overseen by an election oversight committee separate and unique from the candidate selection committee.



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- 6.12 This committee will be comprised of two (2) non-executive general members and one (1) executive.
- 6.13 Voters reserve the choice to abstain, if they are not supportive of any of the candidates.
- 6.14 The candidate who receives the most votes for each position wins that position.
- 6.15 Final results of the election must be presented to the membership for ratification of the process only. The results themselves should not be brought into question; only the process through which these results were tabulated.
- 6.16 If an error in the process is found, the election should be re-held at the final General Meeting with a new election oversight committee.
- 6.17 Candidates who run for a position unopposed must receive a simple and clear majority of the total eligible votes at a valid general meeting in which an election is held to be declared the winner of that election.
- 6.18 In the case that there may be vacant positions they may be filled through by-election at any time under similar conditions and with appropriate notice until the last day of October of any given year, and then those positions may be filled by appointment by the senior-most executive with the agreement of the majority of the executive.
- 6.19 Quorum for elections shall be twenty members.
- 6.20 At the first general event of each academic year the First Year Representatives shall be elected through a procedure similar to the March elections. This fact shall be advertised to the membership, and all members in attendance are eligible to vote for the position.

Article 7: Removal of Executives

- 7.1 An executive member may be removed under the following circumstances.
 - 7.1.1 A motion, citing cause, may be brought to a meeting of the executive.
 - This motion must be circulated at least one week in advance and the executive member to be removed must be present at the meeting in order for the motion to be valid.
 - If the member is not present in one instance for such a vote and the same motion is circulated for an additional meeting the motion will be in order whether the member is present or not.
 - A two-thirds majority vote is required in order for this motion to pass.
 - 7.1.2 A motion, citing cause, may be brought to a general meeting.
 - If the general meeting is called at the discretion of the executive a simple majority vote of the executive is required to put forward the motion.
 - If the general meeting is called by a petition of members and includes a motion to remove an executive it is automatically part of the agenda.
 - This motion must be included in the notice of the meeting in order to be valid.
 - This motion shall require a simple majority vote.

Article 8: Finances

- 8.1 The source of the association's funding will come from:
 - 8.1.1 External organizations such as the SCSU.
 - 8.1.2 Membership fees.



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- 8.1.3 Sponsorship funding.
- 8.1.4 Any additional revenue from the sale of tickets for paid events or other items.
- 8.1.5 The association agrees to adhere to such standards and practices, regarding its funding, as are established by the Office of Student Affairs or may be established in the future, in reference to the associations' role as a Departmental Student Association.
- 8.2 The budget for each academic year will be prepared by the Vice-President Finance and must be presented to the executive no later than the last day of September. Ideally this budget should be prepared before the end of the previous year in consultation with the out-going executive.
- 8.3 The annual budget and a statement of the association's financial standing must be presented to the general membership of the association at the annual general meeting in March.
- 8.4 The operating budget shall be the major budget for the fiscal year and provide for all expenditures of the organization for the subsequent year.
- 8.5 The operating budget shall be approved by a majority vote of the general members present and voting at a valid general meeting.
- 8.6 The banking business of the organization, or any part thereof, shall be transacted with such bank, trust company or other firm or body corporate as the Executive may designate, appoint or authorize from time to time and all such banking business, or any part thereof, shall be transacted on the organization's behalf by one or more Officers or other persons as the Executive may designate, direct or authorize from time to time and to the extent thereby provided.
- 8.7 The President, the Vice-President Finance, and only in special circumstances the Vice- President Operations, shall be the sole signing authorities of banking instruments for the organization.
- 8.8 EPSA will ensure that proper and accurate financial records are maintained and passed on to incoming executives following each year's elections.
- 8.9 EPSA will accept full financial and production responsibility for all activities it sponsors, plans, or executes.

Article 9: Executive Meetings

- 9.1 The purpose of executive meetings is to provide a forum for the organization's executives to discuss and make decisions on day-to-day matters affecting the organization.
- 9.2 Executive meetings will be facilitated by the President of the organization. The President shall be responsible for:
 - 9.2.1 Formulating and distributing an agenda for each meeting;
 - 9.2.2 Ensuring appropriate conduct and leading the meeting in an efficient, reasonable manner;
 - 9.2.3 Moderating the discussion at meetings according to the agenda;
- 9.3 There shall be a minimum of one (1) executive meeting held every one (1) month during the period September 1 to April 30. The date of each subsequent executive meeting will be confirmed at the preceding meeting and will be reiterated to executives via email a minimum of two (2) calendar days prior to the meeting.



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- 9.2 Executives are expected to attend all meetings and respond to requests regarding their availability in order to schedule such meetings. Those who are not able to attend are expected to notify the President and either the Vice-President Finance or the Vice-President Operations, at least 24 hours beforehand.
- 9.3 The executive may meet on additional occasions at the discretion of the President or any two members of the executive.
- 9.4 Executive meetings are restricted to executive members only. Quorum of any executive meeting shall be attendance of greater than 50% of the executives.
- 9.5 A summary of business conducted at any meeting of the executive shall be made publicly available to all members, by the Vice-President Communications.
- 9.6 The frequency of executive meetings occurring between May 1 and August 31 will be left to the discretion of the executive committee.
- 9.7 Executive meetings may be called to order by the President or through a petition signed by three (3) executive members.
- 9.8 Executives must notify the President a minimum of six (6) hours before an executive meeting to inform them of new business they wish to discuss. The President will then add the discussion item to the agenda.
- 9.9 Each executive member of the organization shall be entitled to one (1) vote at a valid executive meeting.
- 9.10 Any question at an Executive Meeting shall be decided by a show of hands.
- 9.11 Whenever a vote by show of hands occurs, a declaration by the President that the vote has been carried, carried by a particular majority, or failed shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- 9.12 In case of an equality of votes at an Executive Meeting, the motion will be recorded as having failed.
- 9.13 The President may, with the consent of the majority of executives, decide to adjourn these meetings from time to time.

Article 10: General Meetings

- 10.1 The purpose of General Meetings is to provide a forum for executives to overview the activities of the organization and solicit feedback from members, to engage in policymaking, to propose amendments to the constitution, and to report on the financial status of the organization.
- 10.2 Calling Meetings.
 - 10.2.1 There shall be a minimum of one (1) general meeting held every academic year. The date of the general meeting will be confirmed at the preceding general meeting and will be reiterated to members via email a minimum of two (2) calendar days prior to the meeting.
 - 10.2.2 General meetings may be called to order by the President, through a petition by a petition signed by three (3) executive members, or by a petition signed by five (5) non-executive general members.
 - 10.2.3 General meetings are open to registered members of the organization only.
 - 10.2.4 A notice of any general meeting must appear on the association's website and must be distributed through a general mailing list and/or intranet channel. Additional publicity is encouraged.



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- 10.2.5 Members of the association may petition for a general meeting at any time and if a petition is signed by 100 or 50% of the members the executive shall immediately cause a general meeting to be called no later than a month from the time of receipt. Any motion that is indicated on this petition of members shall be automatically included in the agenda for the general meeting.
- 10.3 General Meeting Agenda
- 10.3.1 The executive normally determines the agenda for a general meeting.
- 10.3.2 Items for discussion at a general meeting must be circulated with the original notice of meeting.
- 10.3.3 Items may be added to the agenda, from the floor, with a simple majority vote by the members in attendance. Motions to remove an executive are not valid from the floor.
- 10.3.4 Amendments to the Constitution may only be made at a general meeting.
- 10.4 Conduct of Business
- 10.4.1 The President shall normally chair a general meeting. The President may request an external chair and may be also forced to do so by a majority vote of the executive prior to the meeting date.
- 10.4.2 Quorum for the conduct of business at a general meeting shall be forty members, twenty of whom must be present in person.
- 10.4.3 Each member of the association is eligible to obtain proxies from other members in the form of a written declaration. No member may wield more than five proxies in addition to his or her own vote.
- 10.4.4 The chair of the meeting, or designate, will be responsible for collecting and verifying notices of proxy.
- 10.4.5 Proxies are valid only for the conduct of business at the general meeting and shall bear no relation to any elections within the association, even if those elections are held in connection with the general meeting.
- 10.4.6 For the conduct of elections at a general meeting neither the President nor any other member is eligible to chair, for the duration of those elections, if he or she is to be a candidate.
- 10.4.7 The quorum requirement of forty members, present either physically or by proxy, shall not apply to elections.
- 10.5 Minutes
- 10.5.1 A record of minutes from each general meeting shall be made publicly available to all members, by the Vice-President Communications.

Article 11: Emergency Meetings

- 11.1 Emergency meetings can be called for extenuating or unforeseen circumstances that may arise from time to time.
- 11.2 These meetings must abide the respective rules outlined in sections VII and VIII depending on the nature of the meeting.
- 11.3 Notice of these meetings must be provided a minimum of 24 hours in advance through email.
- 11.4 Less notice for emergency meetings may be provided at the discretion of the President in agreement with a minimum of five (5) general members.



Article 12: Amendments

- 12.1 The organization may make, amend or repeal the constitution or certain sections therein.
- 12.2 Notice of a meeting called to consider such a resolution shall be given as follows:
 - 12.2.1 Notice of the full text of the proposed constitutional amendment shall be given to each member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting called to consider the change;
 - 12.2.2 A summary of the rationale for the proposed amendment shall be given to each member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting called to consider the change.
- 12.3 Amendments to the constitution require the approval of two-thirds of the members present at a valid general meeting (a general meeting that has achieved quorum).
- 12.4 The general membership must have the final say on amendments to the constitution.

Article 13: Transition

- 13.1 All outgoing executives are required to transfer all organizational resources used relative to a particular role over the course of the preceding year to new executives upon leaving the position.
- 13.2 All outgoing executives are responsible for providing a detailed report to incoming executives that stipulates the status of ongoing projects in their portfolio and evaluations of previous projects and programs that they lead.
- 13.3 All outgoing and incoming executives will participate in a joint training session occurring no later than the end of May each year to assist with the transition between new executive teams.

Article 14: Emergency Powers

- 14.1 In the case of extenuating circumstances, the executive shall be afforded the ability to act without direction from the organization's members.
- 14.2 An extenuating circumstance is defined as any instance that may jeopardize the immediate functioning of the organization including but not limited to: executive vacancies, unexpected cancellations, removal from position, or lack of response from members.
- 14.3 Emergency powers may only be used for such a period of time as is needed to address an extenuating circumstance.
- 14.4 General members have the ability to remove emergency powers where appropriate through submission of a signed petition from at least 10% of the entire general membership.

Article 15: Handling of Food on Campus

- 15.1 The association will conform to Provincial and Municipal Health Regulations when events held at the University of Toronto at Scarborough include the sale and/or service of food items.

Article 16: Precedence of University Policies

- 16.1 EPSA will abide by all pertinent University of Toronto policies, procedures, and guidelines. When the University's policies, procedures, and guidelines conflict with



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those of EPSA, the University's policies, procedures, and guidelines will take precedent.

Article 17: Legal Liability

17.1 The University of Toronto Scarborough does not endorse the EPSA's beliefs or philosophy nor does it assume legal liability for the group's activities on or off campus.

Article 18: Banking

18.1 EPSA shall provide the name of the bank, the branch number and address, transit number, bank account number, and a list of all signing officers for all bank accounts opened in the organization's name to the Department of Student Life, University of Toronto Scarborough.

Article 19: Branding

19.1 All signatures and logos of EPSA are the property of EPSA and shall only be reproduced with EPSA's consent, as outlined under EPSA's *Brand Identity & Styling Guide*.

19.2 Branding of EPSA's signatures and logos shall follow the guidelines ascribed under EPSA's *Brand Identity & Styling Guide*.

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