CONSTITUTION

TST Advanced Degree Students' Association

Ratified: November 1989 Revised: April 7, 2004 Revised: November 1, 2006 Revised: October 1, 2007 Revised: February 8, 2008

Section 1. Name

1.1 This body shall be officially known as the Toronto School of Theology (hereafter TST) Advanced Degree Students' Association (hereafter ADSA).

Section 2. Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the ADSA shall be to act on behalf of and in the interest of the community of all advanced degree students at the TST.
- 2.2 To be a forum for the expression of student concerns.
- 2.3 To act as a liaison with the TST administration in regards to corporate complaints, proposals, and procedures.
- 2.4 To ensure advanced degree student representation on the TST Board of Trustees and all advanced degree committees.
- 2.5 To encourage cooperation and community between and among students and faculty, both formally and informally.
- 2.6 To organize and encourage the participation of every advanced degree student within the TST socially and politically.
- 2.7 When deemed necessary, to provide a connection between advanced degree students and other student bodies.
- 2.8 To provide both academic and professional development opportunities for advanced degree students.

Section 3. Membership

- 3.1 All advanced degree students enrolled in any of the member colleges are members of the ADSA by virtue of their enrolment.
- 3.2 All advanced degree students are entitled to vote in the election of the ADSA Board of Representatives (hereafter, ADSA Board) as outlined below.
- 3.3 All advanced degree students can bring proposals, grievances, and complaints to the attention of the ADSA Board directly or through a representative.
- 3.4 Advanced degree student associations of affiliated colleges may become members of the ADSA.
 - 3.4.1 After consultation with the ADSA Board, the respective affiliated college student association must vote on the proposal to join the ADSA.
 - 3.4.2 The ADSA must approve the addition of affiliated student groups by a two-thirds majority of a general ADSA members' vote.
- 3.5 All ADSA members will be levied an annual fee.

Section 4. ADSA Board of Representatives

- 4.1 The ADSA Board is the governing body of the ADSA.
- 4.2 Elected members of the ADSA Board
 - 4.2.1 Four Executive positions are elected by ADSA: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Administrator
 - 4.2.2 Eight students are elected by ADSA as members of the following: the Advanced Degree Council (3); the respective Departmental Committees, Theological, Historical, Biblical, and Pastoral (4); and the Doctor of Ministry program (1).
 - 4.2.3 Six representatives are elected from and by the member colleges, one from each college having advanced degree students.
- 4.3 Appointed members
 - 4.3.1 One Communications Officer is appointed annually by the ADSA Executive.
- 4.4 An individual may serve a maximum of four consecutive years in any one position.
- 4.5 The responsibilities and duties of each Board member are outlined in detail in the policies and procedures.
- 4.5 Any position, other than President or college representative, not filled in April by nomination and election, may be filled by ADSA Board appointment on the recommendation of the ADSA Executive.

- 4.6 If the position of President is vacant, the Vice-President assumes the role of President, subject to 4.5 and 4.7.
- 4.7 An individual may hold more than one position on the ADSA Board with the exception that no one individual may hold more than one Executive position.
- 4.8 Quorum will be achieved with the attendance of 2/3 of the sitting membership of ADSA at any given time.

Section 5. Amendments

- 5.1 Constitution amendments
 - 5.1.1Review of this constitution may take place at the discretion of the ADSA Board.
 - 5.1.2 The ADSA Board will strike a subcommittee to make recommendations regarding any possible amendments.
 - 5.1.3 The subcommittee will report back to the ADSA Board within six months or the subcommittee will be dissolved and potential amendments will be considered void.
 - 5.1.4 Amendments to the constitution can be voted upon at the recommendation of the ADSA Board.
 - 5.1.5 All amendments must be ratified by two-thirds majority of the ADSA Board.
 - 5.1.6 After ADSA Board approval, all amendments to this constitution must be ratified by the general membership.