
CONSTITUTION

TST Advanced Degree Students' Association

Ratified: November 1989

Revised: April 7, 2004

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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 The ADSA Board may consist of no more than nineteen voting members, as follows:

4.2.1 Six Executives are elected by ADSA: a President, Vice-President External, Vice-President Academic, Vice-President Conferences, Treasurer, and Secretary.

4.2.2 To ensure representation during this transitional period, four representatives are elected by ADSA from the Biblical, Historical, Pastoral, and Theological Departments; one from the Master of Arts or Master of Theology program; and one from the Doctor of Ministry program.

4.2.3 Six representatives are elected by the member colleges, one from each college having advanced degree students.

4.2.4 One representative is elected by ADSA to sit on the Library Committee.

4.3 One Vice-President Internal is appointed to the Executive from the ADSA Board.

4.4 An individual may serve a maximum of two years in any one position.

4.5 The responsibilities and duties of each Board member are defined in the policies and procedures.

4.6 Executive positions that are left or become vacant between elections must be filled by appointment of Board members, with the condition that no individual may hold more than one Executive position.

4.7 Other positions that are left or become vacant between elections may be filled by appointment of students (including Board members) from the college, department, or program to be represented, with the consent of the ADSA Board.

4.8 Quorum will be achieved with the attendance of a majority of the sitting members of the ADSA Board at any time.

Section 5. Amendments

5.1 Constitution amendments

5.1.1 Review 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.